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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Eric W. Wessinger
Kevin R. Korte
Robin Schlinger

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation

Internal Address:
a Delaware Corporation

Street Address: 1500 Brown & Williamson Tower

City: Louisville State: KY Zip: 40202

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
Security Agreement Change of Name
Other

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

A. Patent Application No.(s) 10/217,509

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: JOHN F. SALAZAR

Internal Address: Middleton Reutlinger

Street Address: 2500 Brown & Williamson Tower

City: Louisville State: KY Zip: 40202

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00

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JOHN F. SALAZAR, REG. NO. 39,353
Name of Person Signing

Signature

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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
AND OF LETTERS PATENT**

Whereas, I, the ("Inventor"), Eric W. Wessinger, 1011 Warwick Drive, Macon, Georgia 31210, have invented certain improvements in a METHOD FOR PROCESSING RECONSTITUTED TOBACCO, the ("Invention") and have executed a utility patent application 10/217,509, filed on August 13, 2002, for United States Letters Patent herewith, the ("Application"), claiming priority to 09/812,632, filed on March 20, 2001; and,

Whereas, the ("Assignee"), Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, of Louisville, Kentucky, a Delaware corporation whose post office address is 1500 Brown & Williamson Tower, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 desires to acquire for itself, its assigns and successors, my entire right, title and interest in said Application and in said Invention, and in any United States or foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in said Application and in said Invention disclosed therein for the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and reissues

based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor in the United States or any foreign country. I also agree that Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the invention, and I agree to cooperate with Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation and to execute without additional consideration any additional documents as deemed necessary by Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for the invention in any country of the world.

I hereby authorize and request the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in this application to said Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation.

Eric W. Wessinger
Eric W. Wessinger

Executed this 14th day of March, ~~2000~~ 2001 at MACON, GA.

STATE OF GA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF B. bb)

Before me personally appeared Eric W. Wessinger and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 14th day of March, ~~2000~~ 2001

My Commission expires: _____ My commission expires: July 12, 2004

(seal)

Scott S. Egan Notary Public

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
AND OF LETTERS PATENT**

Whereas, I, the ("**Inventor**"), **Kevin R. Korte, Sr.**, 6907 Sprig Leaf Circle, Louisville, Kentucky 40241, have invented certain improvements in a **METHOD FOR PROCESSING RECONSTITUTED TOBACCO**, the ("**Invention**") and have executed a utility patent application 10/217,509, filed on August 13, 2002, for United States Letters Patent herewith, the ("**Application**"), claiming priority to 09/812,632, filed on March 20, 2001; and,

Whereas, the ("**Assignee**"), **Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation**, of Louisville, Kentucky, a Delaware corporation whose post office address is 1500 Brown & Williamson Tower, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 desires to acquire for itself, its assigns and successors, my entire right, title and interest in said **Application** and in said **Invention**, and in any United States or foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said **Assignee** the entire right, title and interest in said **Application** and in said **Invention** disclosed therein for the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and reissues based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor in the United States or any foreign country.

I also agree that said **Assignee** may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said **Invention**, and I agree to cooperate with said **Assignee** and to execute without additional consideration any

additional documents as deemed necessary by said Assignee to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for said Invention in any country of the world.

I hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon said Invention set forth in said Application to said Assignee.

Executed this the 5th day of OCTOBER, 2002, at Macon, Georgia.

Kevin R. Korte, Sr.
Kevin R. Korte, Sr.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF)

Before me personally appeared the above-listed inventor, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 5th day of OCTOBER, 2002.

My Commission expires: Notary Public, State of Georgia, KY
My commission expires 10/1/2007

(seal)

Synda L. Pudloff
Notary Public

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
AND OF LETTERS PATENT**

Whereas, I, the ("**Inventor**"), **Robin Schlinger**, 204 Yorkshire Way, Macon, Georgia 31210, have invented certain improvements in a **METHOD FOR PROCESSING RECONSTITUTED TOBACCO**, the ("**Invention**") and have executed a utility patent application 10/217,509, filed on August 13, 2002, for United States Letters Patent herewith, the ("**Application**"), claiming priority to 09/812,632, filed on March 20, 2001; and,

Whereas, the ("**Assignee**"), **Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation**, of Louisville, Kentucky, a Delaware corporation whose post office address is 1500 Brown & Williamson Tower, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 desires to acquire for itself, its assigns and successors, my entire right, title and interest in said **Application** and in said **Invention**, and in any United States or foreign patents to be obtained therefor;


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additional documents as deemed necessary by said Assignee to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for said Invention in any country of the world.

I hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon said Invention set forth in said Application to said Assignee.

Executed this the 1 day of October, 2002, at Macon, Georgia.




Robin Schlinger

STATE OF GEORGIA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF Bibb)

Before me personally appeared the above-listed inventor, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 1 day of October, 2002.

My Commission expires: Notary Public, Monroe County, Georgia
My Commission Expires July 18, 2006

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