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STONE CONTAINER CORPORATION

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)
Name: CARAUSTAR INDUSTRIES, INC.

Internal Address:

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

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other

Street Address: 3100 Joe Jerkins Boulevard

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Execution Date: 01/09/2003

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

4,711,702

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

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PATENT REEL: 013712 FRAME: 0838

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Stone Container Corporation ("Stone Container") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, and having an office in St. Louis, Missouri;

WHEREAS, Stone Container is the exclusive owner by assignment of the exclusive entire right, title and interest in and to the invention known as Protective Containerboard and Method of Making Same ("the invention"), and the United States of America Letters Patent No. 4,711,702 issued December 8, 1987, entitled "Protective Containerboard" set forth in Appendix A;

WHEREAS, Jefferson Smurfit Corporation (U.S.) ("Jefferson Smurfit"), a Delaware corporation and, like Stone Container, an indirect subsidiary of Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2002 (the "Asset Purchase Agreement"), with Caraustar Industries, Inc. ("Caraustar"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and having an office in Austell, Georgia, pursuant to which Jefferson Smurfit sold substantially all of the assets of its Industrial Packaging Division (the "IPD") to Caraustar;

WHEREAS, the invention and the Letters Patent were used primarily in the operation of the IPD and, as such, should have properly been assigned to Caraustar in connection with the sale of the IPD assets; and

WHEREAS, the business and operations of Stone Container and Jefferson Smurfit are conducted as a single business under the name Smurfit-Stone and Stone Container desires to join Jefferson Smurfit in assigning and transferring to Caraustar any and all assets of the IPD held in the name of Stone Container;

WHEREAS, Caraustar is desirous of acquiring the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and the United States of America Letters Patent No. 4,711,702 set forth in Appendix A, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof that may be granted therefor or thereon, whether presently enforceable, pending, or abandoned, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said applications in all foreign countries in accordance with the international treaties and conventions, the same to be held and enjoyed by Caraustar, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Stone Container if this assignment and sale had not been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the consideration paid to Jefferson Smurfit as set forth in the Asset Purchase Agreement (of which Stone Container acknowledges that it shall receive direct and indirect benefits), and other valuable consideration of which receipt is hereby acknowledged;

STONE CONTAINER DOES HEREBY ASSIGN AND TRANSFER TO CARAUSTAR and its successors, assigns and nominees, as the assignee, without any restrictions, reservations or limitations, **THE ENTIRE AND EXCLUSIVE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST** in and to said invention and to the grant of said Letters Patent and all reissues and extensions thereof; and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof that may be granted therefor or thereon, whether presently enforceable, pending or abandoned, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said

applications in all foreign countries in accordance with the international treaties and conventions, the same to be held and enjoyed by Caraustar, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Stone Container if this assignment and sale had not been made;

AND THE SOLE RIGHT to enforce said patents with the right to sue for and recover for its own use accrued profits or damages for any and all infringements thereof, including, but not limited to, past infringements with respect to which Stone Container hereby waives any right to receive any portion thereof;

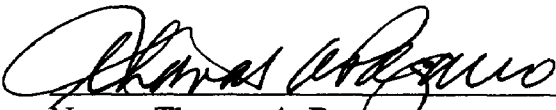
AND COVENANTS, that Stone Container has the full right so to make this assignment;

AND STONE CONTAINER WARRANTS that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, Stone Container possesses full title to said patent and patent applications, and that Stone Container has the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment;

AND STONE CONTAINER FURTHER COVENANTS AND AGREES to bind its heirs, legal representatives, employees, agents and assigns, promptly to communicate to Caraustar or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said patent and patent applications, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said patent and applications, to execute any additional papers that may be requested to confirm the right of Caraustar, its representatives, successors or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for said invention in all countries and to vest in Caraustar complete title to said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of Caraustar, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 9th day of January, 2003.

STONE CONTAINER CORPORATION

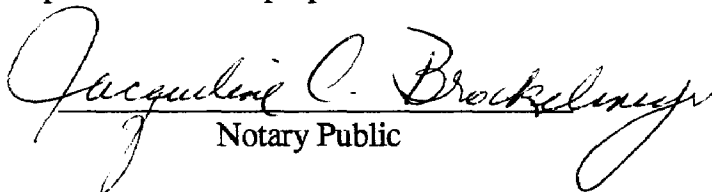
By: 
Name: Thomas A. Pagano
Title: Vice President - Planning

STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

This 9th day of January, 2003, before me personally came the above-named Thomas A. Pagano, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment on behalf of Stone Container Corporation who has acknowledged, to me that he executed the same of his own free will and as the free will of Stone Container Corporation, for the purposes therein set forth.

(SEAL)


Notary Public



ACCEPTANCE

The undersigned, Caraustar Industries, Inc., hereby declares that it has accepted the foregoing assignment.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 3^d day of January, 2003.

CARAUSTAR INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: Thomas V. Brown
Name: Thomas V. Brown
Title: President

APPENDIX A

UNEXPIRED U.S. PATENT

Number	Title
4,711,702	Protective Containerboard