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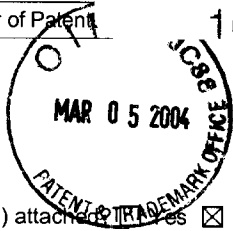
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**John Fitzgerald
Robert Leslie Oglesby**

Additional name of conveying party(ies) attached Yes No

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Internal Address: _____

Street Address: **Bowman Gray Technical Center**

PO Box 1487, 950 Reynolds Blvd.

City: **Winston-Salem** State: **NC** Zip: **27102**

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10/682,582

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SERIAL NO: 10/682,582
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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable considerations, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,

John Fitzgerald
Robert Leslie Oglesby

Hereby sell, assign and transfer to R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, having a place of business at Winston-Salem in the County of Forsyth and State of North Carolina, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest for all countries, in and to the invention disclosed and claimed, and as possessed by the undersigned, any invention which is disclosed but not claimed, in United States Patent Application No. 10/682,582, which has been executed by the undersigned and is entitled "Materials, Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes" and in and to said application and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed on any of said inventions disclosed in said application; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued on said inventions;

Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue to said Assignee, the corporation above named, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, in accordance with this agreement, any and all United States Letters Patent on said inventions disclosed in said application;

Agree that said Assignee may apply for and receive foreign Letters Patent for said inventions; and may claim, in applications for said foreign Letters Patent, the priority of the

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aforsaid United States application under the provisions of the International Convention; and that, when requested, without charge to, but at the expense of, said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will, for the United States and all foreign countries, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all said inventions; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney, and other papers; communicate to said Assignee its successors, assigns, and representatives, all facts known to the undersigned relating to said inventions and the history thereof; testify in all legal proceedings; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns, or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining, and enforcing proper patent protection for said inventions and for vesting title to said inventions and all applications for patents and all patents on said inventions, in said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives; and

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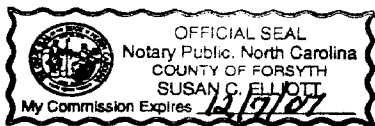
Before me this 20th day of February, 2004 personally appeared John Fitzgerald to me personally known to be the person(s) who is/are described in and who executed the above instrument, and he/they acknowledged to me that he/they executed the same of his/their own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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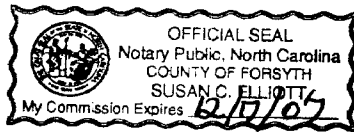
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Before me this 19th day of February, 2004 personally appeared Robert Leslie Oglesby to me personally known to be the person(s) who is/are described in and who executed the above instrument, and he/they acknowledged to me that he/they executed the same of his/their own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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