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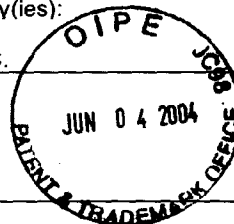
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ASSIGNMENT  
(SOLE)

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Rudiger Merckell (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignor"), residing at Chemin des Pinsons 21, CH-1800 Vevey, Switzerland, respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignor has made certain new and useful inventions in BOX WITH LID set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, [ ] having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith; [X] bearing Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, and filed on December 5, 2003 ; and

WHEREAS, PHILIP MORRIS USA INC., a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Virginia and having an office and place of business at 120 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions for the United States and the application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any United States Letters Patent or Patents, to be obtained therefor and thereon; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me paid and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged:

ASSIGNMENT OF  
UNITED STATES PATENT RIGHTS

I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto PHILIP MORRIS USA INC., its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all right, title, and interest in and to the inventions, for the United States, and in and to the United States patent application, including any continuations and divisions thereof, and any substitute applications therefor and any United States patents which may issue thereon and any reissues and extensions of the same; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to grant and issue any and all patents on the inventions in the United States to PHILIP MORRIS USA INC. as the assignee thereof.

I further agree to execute upon request of the assignee PHILIP MORRIS USA INC. such additional documents, if any, as are necessary and proper to secure patent protection on the inventions in the United States, and to otherwise give full effect to and perfect the rights of the assignee PHILIP MORRIS USA INC. in the United States.

AND for the same consideration, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with the assignees, their successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the Assignor is the sole and lawful owner of the

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IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name on the date hereinafter indicated:

Date: Jan. 30, 2004

Name of Assignor



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