

ASSIGNMENT


We, Japan Tobacco Inc., a Japanese corporation, located at 2-1, Toranomom 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8422, Japan, the owner of the following U.S. Patent jointly with JT Prosprint Co., Ltd, a Japanese corporation located at 20-46, Horifune 2-chome, Kita-ku, Tokyo, 114-0004, Japan;

PATENT NO.	DATE OF PATENT	INVENTOR	TITLE OF INVENTION
6,544,369 B1	APR. 8, 2003	YOSHINORI KITAMURA ET AL	PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THIN FILM-LIKE MATERIAL HAVING DECORATIVE SURFACE

hereby assign the entirety of our share of the entire right, title and interest in said U.S. Patent, to TOPPAN PRINTING CO., LTD., a Japanese corporation, located at 5-1, 1-chome, Taito, Taito-ku, Tokyo, Japan, their successors, assigns, or other legal representatives.

The undersigned are authorized respectively to sing this document on behalf of the corporations.

Japan Tobacco Inc.

BY:  DATE: March 31, 2004

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