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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
AND OF LETTERS PATENT

Whereas, I, (the "Inventor"), **Antonio Augusto da Silva Rodrigues**, being a co-inventor with **Eduardo José Faria Miranda** of the below-mentioned invention, have a post office address at **Av. Dom Hélder Câmara, 2066, Vieira Fazenda, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 210590900, Brazil**, have invented certain improvements in a **SMOKING ARTICLE**, (the "**Invention**"), and have executed a U.S. utility patent application for United States Letters Patent of the same title, herewith (the "**Application**"), which was filed on June 6, 2006. The **Application** claims priority to and benefit from as a 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a national stage filing of PCT/IB2004/004350, filed on December 10, 2004, which claims priority to and benefit from, currently pending, Great Britain Patent Application Serial Number GB0328644.0, filed on December 11, 2003; and,


Whereas, (the "**Assignee**"), **Souza Cruz S.A.**, a Brazilian company (including its successors and assigns), whose post office address is **Rua Candelária, 66, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, desires to acquire my entire right, title and interest in said **Application** and **Invention**, and any United States and 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 the **Invention** disclosed therein for the United States of America, 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. I also agree that **Assignee**, may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the **Invention**, and I agree to cooperate with **Assignee**, and to execute without additional consideration any additional documents as deemed necessary by **Assignee**, to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for the **Invention** in the United States of America.

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 Assignee.


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