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**ASSIGNMENT
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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Manfred Drabner (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignor"), residing at Rue des Jopesses 16, CH-2036 Cormondreche, SWITZERLAND witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignor has made certain new and useful inventions in METHOD FOR THE CONTINUOUS MANUFACTURE OF SMOKING ARTICLES 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. 11/657,033, and filed on January 24, 2007; 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 6601 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230, 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

WHEREAS, PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Switzerland and having an office and place of business at Quai Jeanrenaud 3, CH-2000, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions for countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any foreign patent applications, and in and to any foreign 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 I 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.

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Further in view of the consideration hereinabove referred to, I do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS S.A., its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all right, title and interest in and to the inventions for all countries foreign to the United States, including the right to claim priority under the International Convention based on the United States patent application, and in and to any foreign patent application, including renewals, revivals, continuations and divisions thereof, and any substitute applications therefor, and any foreign patents which may issue thereon, and any reissues and extensions of the same; and I hereby authorize and request competent authorities to grant and issue any and all patents on the inventions in any foreign country to PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS S.A. 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 execute upon request of assignee PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS S.A. such additional documents, if any, as are necessary and proper to secure patent protection on the inventions in countries foreign to 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 of assignee PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS S.A. in countries foreign to 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 entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions and any and all applications for Letters Patent above-mentioned, and that the same is unencumbered, and that the Assignor has good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth;

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

Date 5. May 07 Name of Assignor Manfred Drabner
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