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Assignment

Whereas, We, Christina OTT of Hamburg, Germany, and Ralf BARKMANN of Hamburg, Germany, and Stefan HARMS of Hamburg, Germany, and Reinhard HOPPE of Tespe, Germany, and Thomas JESSEN of Börnsen, Germany, and Torben BAUMGARDT of Hamburg, Germany, hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

DEVICE FOR THE CREATION OF A HOMOGENEOUS CUT TOBACCO FLOW

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on
5 April 2006 , and

Whereas,

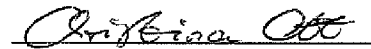
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;


Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

We, the above named assignors, hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and we request the Director - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the assignee.


We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 11/722,575 and Confirmation number 1420 , filed June 22, 2007) the application number and filing date of said application when known.


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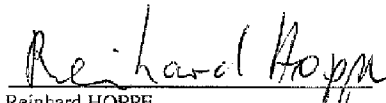
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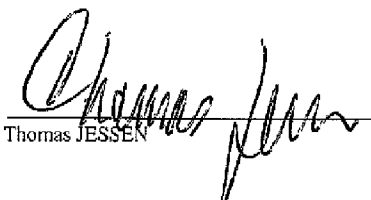
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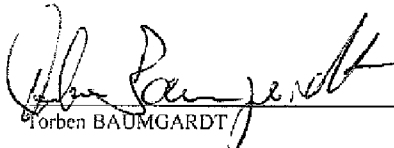
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