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WHEREAS, Hitoshi TANBO and Toru IWANO

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(hereinafter designated as the undersigned) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in
PACKAGE OF ROD-SHAPED SMOKING ARTICLES AND A BLANK FOR THE PACKAGE

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned
(except in the case of a provisional application).

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on 10/02/2009 ; and

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WHEREAS, JAPAN TOBACCO INC.

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its heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns (hereinafter designated as the Assignee) is desirous of acquiring
the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent(s) that may be granted
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The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional, conversion or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

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