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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION,

We, the undersigned (each) in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us each in hand paid by the Assignee and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby expressly acknowledged, hereby sell, assign and transfer unto Tea & Company World Tea House, a corporation organized under the laws of California and having an address of 480 Gate 5 Road, Suite 118, Sausalito, California 94965, as Assignee, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, for all countries in and to certain inventions relating to Beverage Bag Retention Apparatus and Related Preparation Methods described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by Assignor on the same date of this Assignment, and the invention(s) and improvement(s) set forth therein, and any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and renewals of and substitutes therefor in any country, and any reissues, or reexaminations, or extensions of said Letters Patent. We request that any and all Letters Patent for said inventions be issued to said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

We agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said Assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining patents for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

We authorize and empower the said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from us.

We hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in any country for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of the said Assignee or nominee to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

We covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that we have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names on the day and year set forth below.

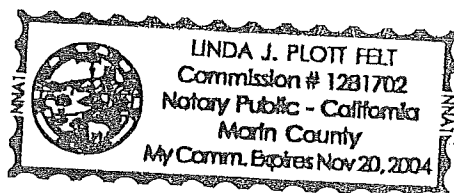
Jill Portman
Jill Portman (Inventor)

November 21, 2000
Date

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF MARIN } SS

On this 21st day of November, 2000, before me personally came the above named Jill Portman who is personally known by me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the same individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the use and purposes therein set forth.



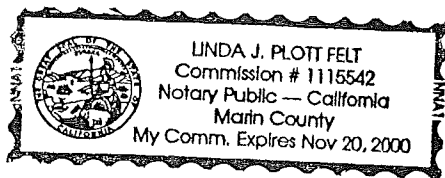
Linda J. Plott-Felt
Notary Public Linda J. Plott-Felt
My Commission Expires: November 20, 2004

Gary Shinner
Gary Shinner (Inventor)

11/16/2000
Date

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF Marin) SS

On this 17th day of November, 2000, before me personally came the above named Gary Shinner who is personally known by me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the same individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the use and purposes therein set forth.



[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: Nov 20, 2000

Michael Barry
Michael Barry (Inventor)

Date

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) SS

On this _____ day of _____, 2000, before me personally came the above named Michael Barry who is personally known by me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the same individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the use and purposes therein set forth.

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Gary Shinner
Gary Shinner (Inventor)

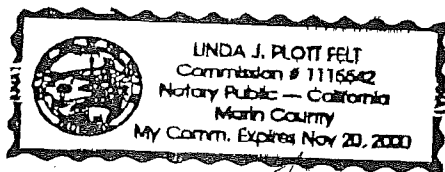
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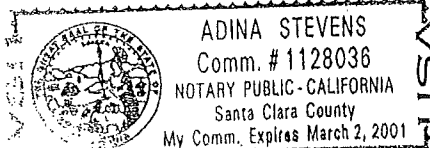
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STATE OF California

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[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: March 2, 2001