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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, we, James Arthur Strickland, of 119 N. Wynridge Way, Goodlettsville, TN 37072; Frank Scott Atchley, of 3828 Richland Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205; hereby assign to U.S. SMOKELESS TOBACCO COMPANY, a corporation of Delaware Corporation, having a place of business at 100 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830, and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled TOBACCO ARTICLES AND METHODS, filed January 23, 2007, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 11/626,176, this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

DATE: 2/26/07

[Handwritten Signature]

 JAMES ARTHUR STRICKLAND

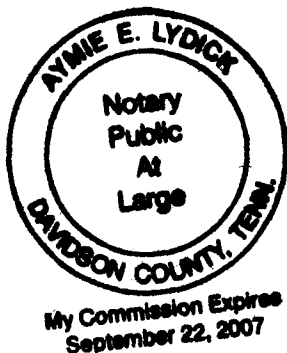
STATE OF Tennessee)
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On February 26, 2007 before me, the undersigned, a notary public for the State of Tennessee, there personally appeared JAMES ARTHUR STRICKLAND personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this Assignment, who acknowledged having executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on this Assignment, the person or the entity upon behalf of which he acted, executed this Assignment.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

[Handwritten Signature: Aymie E. Lydick]

 Notary Public



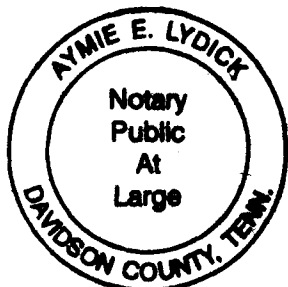
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Frank Scott Atchley
FRANK SCOTT ATCHLEY

STATE OF Tennessee)
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On February 26, 2007 before me, the undersigned, a notary public for the State of Tennessee, there personally appeared FRANK SCOTT ATCHLEY personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this Assignment, who acknowledged having executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on this Assignment, the person or the entity upon behalf of which he acted, executed this Assignment.

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My Commission Expires
September 22, 2007

Aymie E. Lydick
Notary Public

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