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WORLDWIDE PATENT AND INVENTION ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, James W. McClellan & Associates, Inc. (d/b/a McClellan Automation Systems) is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of New Hampshire and located and doing business at 70 Tirrell Hill Road Bedford, NH 03110 (hereinafter referred to as "Assignor");

WHEREAS, **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company**, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of North Carolina and located and doing business at 401 North Main Street Winston-Salem, NC 27101 (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest of Assignor in and to the United States patent and/or patent applications identified in the attached Appendix A and in and to all corresponding patents and/or patent applications worldwide, and in and to the inventions represented thereby (all hereinafter referred to as the "Patents");

WHEREAS, Assignor affirms that all employees or contractors of Assignor who may have contributed to the subject matter set forth in the Patents, including all those persons set forth in Appendix B, had an obligation, either express or implied, to assign their inventive contribution to Assignor;

WHEREAS, to the extent applicable, **Assignor** assents to and affirms any and all direct assignments, from current and/or former employees and other persons working for or on the behalf of **Assignor**, to **Assignee**, for any and all interest in the Patents identified in Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to the Assignment hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor, by these presents, does sell, assign and transfer unto

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Assignee the full, exclusive and entire right, title and interest, worldwide: (i) in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in the Patents; (ii) in and to said Patents and Application(s) and any other United States national stage, provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, or design patent applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or improvements and/or claiming priority to said Patents and Application(s) (the "U.S. Applications"); (iii) in and to any Patent Cooperation Treaty applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or improvements and/or claiming priority to said Patents; (iv) in and to any and all applications for industrial property protection, including without limitation applications for patent, utility model, inventor's certificate, and design, filed or which are hereafter filed in countries outside the United States (the "Foreign Applications") and which describe in whole or in part said inventions and improvements, said Foreign Applications to be filed and issued in the name of Assignee or its designee insofar as permitted by applicable law; (v) in and to all patents or similar protective rights in the United States or elsewhere which may be granted on the U.S. Applications and Foreign Applications and all reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof, any and all such patents or other protective rights to issue in the name of Assignee and for the sole use and behalf of Assignee and its successors and assigns; and (vi) in and to the right to claim any applicable foreign or domestic priority rights arising from or required for any of the aforementioned patents and applications under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations.

Assignor hereby directs the United States Patent and Trademark Office and all foreign patent offices to issue any and all aforementioned patents or similar protective rights in the United States or elsewhere in the name of Assignee, for the interest and for the sole use and behoof of Assignee, and its successors and assigns.

For the same consideration, **Assignor** agrees to: (i) communicate to **Assignee**, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, any facts known to **Assignor** respecting said invention and improvements or the history thereof and any and all documents, photographs, models, samples, or other physical exhibits which may embody said inventions or improvements; (ii) sign, execute, or otherwise facilitate the signing or execution of all lawful papers, applications, declarations, affidavits, assignments, and rightful oaths that may be requested by

Assignce during prosecution or enforcement of any rights related to the inventions and improvements; (iii) subject to Assignee's agreement to reimburse Assignor for any reasonable costs and expenses, testify in any proceedings relating to said invention or improvements or rights granted therefore; and (iv) generally do everything reasonably possible to aid Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

Assignor covenants with Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, security interest, mortgage, license, or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned.

By execution of this document, the undersigned warrants that he/she has full authority to transfer all right, title, and interest related to the subject matter described herein on behalf of the Assignor.

> James W. McClellan & Associates, Inc. (d/b/a McClellan Automation Systems)

James W. McClellan, Chairman of the Board By: Date: February 13, 2015

State of New Hampshire)

County of Beiknap

I. Kathleen Bickford, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that James W. McClellan, Chairman of the Board of James W. McClellan & Associates, Inc., personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument on behalf of said Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the ______ day of _february_____, 2015.

(Official Seal)

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Executed on behalf of **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company** By: (Signature) HERKO Л. SIEL (Print Name) <u>6VP-RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT</u> MAR. 17 2015 Date: County of Joiseth 2 Crews I, Beverlu ____, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby , personally appeared before me this day and certify that Doniel J Lerko acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. (Official Seal) Notary Public My commission expires 1/28/2018 BEVERLY S. CREWS NOTARY PUBLIC FORSYTH COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA My Commission Expires: January 28, 2018

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APPENDIX A

U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS						
Application No.	Filing Date	Title				
		Method for				
61/939,446	February 13, 2014	Assembling a Cartridge for a Smoking Article				
		Method for				
14/227,159	March 27, 2104	Assembling a Cartridge for a Smoking Article				
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APPENDIX B

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- David Pelletier
- Marc Bourque
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