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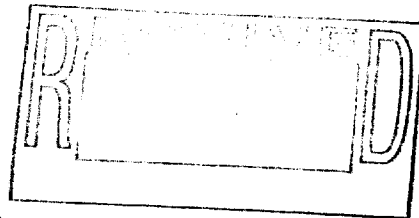
2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

MITLA-BARTON, INC.

Address: 55 East Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60603

BARTON BRANDS, LTD.

Address: 55 East Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60603



- Individuals(s) Association
General Partnership Limited Partnership
[X] Corporation (State) Delaware
Other

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4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark registration No.(s)

1,115,780
1,192,626

Additional numbers attached? Yes [X] No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Lisa D'Addario
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6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 2

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## TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

THIS TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT (the "Assignment") is made and entered into as of this 8th day of July, 1999 (the "Effective Date") by and between Mitla-Barton, Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware ("Assignor"), and Barton Brands, Ltd., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware ("Assignee");

WHEREAS, Assignor has registered and is using the marks MONTE ALBAN as set forth in U.S. Registration No. 1,115,780 and MEZCAL CON GUSANO MONTE ALBAN REGIONAL DE OAYACA WITH AGAVE WORM HECHO EN MEXICO and design as set forth in U.S. Registration No. 1,192,626 (the "Marks");

WHEREAS, Assignee desires to acquire the Marks and related goodwill associated therewith.

### I. ASSIGNMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration paid by Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby assigns to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the Marks together with the goodwill of the business in connection with which the Marks are used, and all registrations and trademark applications therefor, in the United States, its territories and possessions and throughout the world as well as renewals and extensions of the registrations that are or may be secured under the laws of the United States, its territories and possessions and throughout the world, now or hereafter in effect, for Assignee's own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of Assignee's successors, assigns or other legal representatives as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor if this Assignment had not been made, together with all income, royalties, damages or payments due or payable as of the Effective Date or thereafter, including, without limitation, all claims for damages by reason of past, present or future infringement or other unauthorized use of the Marks, with the right to sue for damages, and collect the same for Assignee's own use and enjoyment and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

### II. FURTHER ASSURANCES

Assignor shall provide to Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, cooperation and assistance at Assignee's request and expense (including the execution and delivery of any and all affidavits, declarations, oaths, samples, exhibits, specimens and other documentation as may be reasonably required): (1) in the preparation and prosecution of any application for registration or any application for renewal of a registration covering the Marks; (2) in the prosecution or defense of any oppositions, interferences, infringement suits or other proceedings that may arise in connection with the Marks, including but not limited to, testifying as to any facts relating to the Marks assigned herein and this Assignment; (3) in obtaining any additional trademark protection for the Marks that Assignee may deem appropriate that may be secured under the laws now or hereafter in effect in the United States or throughout the world; and (4) in the implementation or perfection of this Assignment.

Assignor hereby constitutes and appoints Assignee the true and lawful attorney or attorneys of Assignor with full power of substitution, in the name of the Assignee or in the name of the Assignor, but by and on behalf and for the sole benefit of Assignee, to do all such acts and things and execute any instruments in relation thereto as Assignee shall deem advisable in order to assert ownership, receive, collect, or assert or enforce any right, title, benefit or interest of any kind in or to the Marks. Assignor agrees that the foregoing appointment made and the powers hereby granted are coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable by the Assignor.

The Assignor does hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to record Assignee as owner of the Trademarks and to issue any and all registrations, including renewals thereof, to Assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives.

MITLA-BARTON, INC.

By: Elizabeth Kutyla

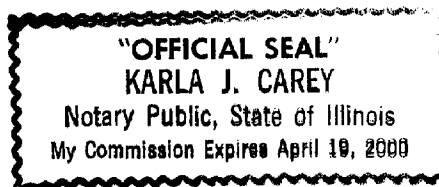
Printed Name: Elizabeth Kutyla

Title: Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF COOK        )

On this 8th day of July, 1999 there appeared before me Elizabeth Kutyla, personally known to me, who acknowledged that she signed the foregoing Assignment as her voluntary act and deed on behalf and with full authority of MITLA-BARTON, INC., a Delaware corporation.

Karla J. Carey  
Notary Public  
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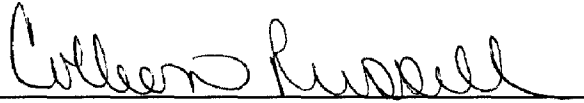
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