IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re : Chapter 11

FLEMING COMPANIES, INC., et al., : Case No. 03-10945 (MFW)

: Jointly Administered

Debtors.

Hrg. Date: 1/5/04 @ 2:00 p.m.

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JOINDER OF U.S. SMOKELESS TOBACCO BRANDS INC. IN LIMITED OBJECTION OF MCKESSON CORPORATION TO DEBTORS' MOTION TO ENTER INTO A REPLACEMENT DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION FINANCING FACILITY

- U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Brands Inc. ("UST"), a reclamation creditor in the above-captioned cases, by its undersigned attorneys, hereby joins in the Limited Objection dated December 29, 2003 filed by McKesson Corporation (the "Limited Objection") to the Debtors' Motion To Enter Into A Replacement Debtor-In-Possession Financing Facility (the "Replacement DIP Motion"), and in support, states as follows:
- 1. The above-captioned debtors and debtors-inpossession (the "Debtors") seek authority in the
 Replacement DIP Motion to (i) enter into a new
 replacement post-petition financing facility (the "New

DIP Facility") and (ii) pay approximately \$300 million in satisfaction of existing prepetition secured bank debt (the "Prepetition Secured Debt") and existing postpetition secured debt (the "Postpetition Debt"). The proposed sources of funds for such payment will be moneys available to the Debtors under the New DIP Facility and cash on hand.

- 2. In the Limited Objection, McKesson
 Corporation requests the inclusion of language in the
 proposed order authorizing the New DIP Facility to make
 clear that the rights of reclamation creditors are not
 prejudiced thereby. UST supports the requested relief
 and accordingly joins in the Limited Objection.
- 3. In addition, the terms of the New DIP
 Facility appear to render the granting of liens by the
 Court an event of default unless such liens are either
 expressly permitted in the New DIP Facility or
 constitute purchase money security interests. See
 Replacement DIP Motion at 22. Reclamation creditors
 such as UST may be entitled to a lien under certain
 circumstances pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section
 546(c)(2)(B). Any order approving the New DIP Facility

should thus provide that the granting of any lien or other relief by this Court in favor of reclamation creditors will not constitute an event of default.

4. UST reserves the right to supplement or amend the foregoing[, including without limitation through the incorporation by reference of the responses and arguments of other creditors in response to the Replacement DIP Motion.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth in the Limited Objection, UST respectfully requests that the Court (i) sustain the Limited Objection, (ii) provide in any order approving the New DIP Facility that the granting of any lien or other relief by this Court in favor of reclamation creditors will not constitute an event of default thereunder, and (iii) grant such further relief as is just.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 29th day of December 2003, I caused a copy of the foregoing pleading to be served upon the parties listed below in the manner indicated.

<u>/s/ Robert A. Weber</u> Robert A. Weber