

Colbert Packaging Receives Its First Canadian Patent

New Canadian Patent Joins Two U.S. Patents Previously Awarded for BlisterGuard

CHICAGO, Dec. 7, 2010 – Colbert Packaging Corporation, a leading manufacturer of folding cartons, rigid paper boxes and paperboard specialty products, today announced that it has been granted its first Canadian patent for BlisterGuard®, its secure and sustainable packaging solution for consumer products. The patent (2,497,044) was issued by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office for the unique design of BlisterGuard, one of approximately a dozen paperboard specialty products developed by Colbert Packaging in recent years. It is the company's eighth patent and the third awarded for BlisterGuard. Several other Colbert products are patent-pending.

"As we've grown and evolved over the past five decades, our customer base has stretched well beyond our Midwest roots, and we continue to cross new borders," said Jim Hamilton, president of Colbert Packaging. "While we've done business in Canada for quite some time, this patent is simply a testament to our ongoing commitment to expand our paperboard specialty products, like BlisterGuard, on a global scale, and service customers throughout North America and beyond."

The paperboard-based BlisterGuard package was first introduced by Colbert Packaging in 2002 as an alternative to plastic clamshells, and since then, more than 160 million units have been sold. The award-winning BlisterGuard design, which has been recognized for its innovation and sustainability, is tear-resistant in retail environments yet easy and safe for consumers to open at home with a pair of scissors. It is also recyclable* and complies with retailers' sustainability requirements by reducing the use of petroleum-based plastics by up to 70 percent. The fully customizable BlisterGuard package offers a large printable area that helps manufacturers achieve better shelf presentation and brand awareness for their products in the retail aisle.

Several paperboard specialty products designed and offered by Colbert Packaging, including EnviroGuard™ and the company's new MedLock™ pharmaceutical compliance package, are based on the successful BlisterGuard platform.

About Colbert Packaging Corporation

Since its founding in 1959, Colbert Packaging has built a solid reputation as a manufacturer of the highest quality folding cartons, rigid paper boxes and paperboard specialty products. The company's folding carton, flexographic packaging and pressure-sensitive roll label operations are based in Lake Forest, Ill.; an additional folding carton facility is based in Elkhart, Ind., along with rigid box production; cartons are also manufactured in Louisville, Ky., which is also home to the company's stock box program; VMI programs and contract packaging services are located in South Bend, Ind. For more information, call +1 847 367 5990 or visit www.colbertpkg.com.

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BlisterGuard is a registered trademark, and EnviroGuard and MedLock are trademarks, of Colbert Packaging Corporation. BlisterGuard is protected by Colbert Packaging Corporation under Patent Numbers US 7,051,876 B2 and US 7,784,250 B2 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, and Patent Number 2,497,044 from the Canadian Intellectual Property Office. EnviroGuard is protected by Colbert Packaging Corporation under Patent Numbers US 7,681,733 B2 and US 7,726,481 B2. MedLock is patent-pending.

*BlisterGuard may be recycled in programs that accept mixed material packaging.

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