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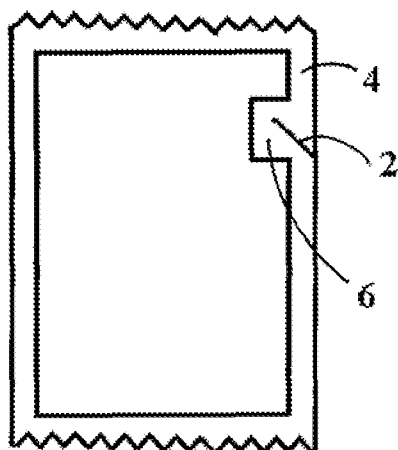
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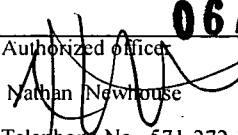


(57) **Abstract:** A pouch-style containment package for containing and dispensing products is provided, comprising a front film and a back film sealed to the front film along a series of edge seals. In accordance with an embodiment of the invention, the pouch-style containment package comprises a widened seal portion extending inwardly from a first edge seal of the series of edge seals and an elongated diagonal cut extending substantially across the first edge seal and into the widened seal portion. The widened seal portion and elongated diagonal cut facilitate simple, directionally controlled tearing. In an embodiment of the invention, the pouch-style containment package has a preformed bulge, a widened seal portion extends inwardly from two edge seals adjacent the corner where the two edge seals meet, and two elongated diagonal cuts extend into the widened seal portion, facilitating tearing off a generally triangular corner portion.

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