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Stamp Type	Unit Price	Minimum Quantity	Order Total
Century/ 25's	\$ 0.5125	1,000/pad	\$ 512.50
Camel Wide/ 20's	\$ 0.410	1,500/pad	\$ 615.00
Texas 20's	\$ 0.410	1,500/pad	\$ 615.00

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