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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **Theodore A. Khoury**, a citizen of the United States, a resident of 2454 W. Catalpa, #1, Chicago, IL 60625, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **CONTACT STRUCTURE FORMED BY MICROFABRICATION PROCESS**, for which I filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 3, 1999 with an assigned Application No. 09/368,003;

AND WHEREAS, **Advantest Corporation** (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Japanese corporation, with its principal place of business at NS Building, 4-1, Nishi-Shinjuku 2-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in the receipt of valuable consideration which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and I do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1999

  
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Theodore A. Khoury