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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I, James B. Duke, a citizen of the United States, residing at 2627 Club Place, Duluth, Georgia 30096, hereby sell, assign and transfer to GTC Properties, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at Suite 1300, 1105 North Market Street, P.O. Box 8985, Wilmington, Delaware 19899, as assignee, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, for all countries in and to certain inventions relating to improvements in Clock described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by me of even date herewith, and all the rights and privileges under any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor.

I request that any and all patents for said inventions be issued to said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

I agree that, when requested, I will, without charge to said assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining patents for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

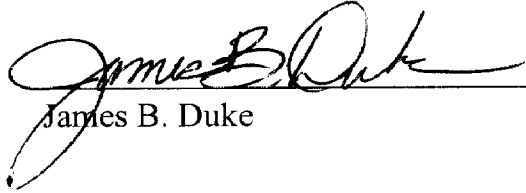
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I covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that I have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

Signed at Norcross _____ (L.S.)

this 29 day of SEPTEMBER, 2000.


James B. Duke

Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application (invention) hereinabove referred to.

Witness J. Chap _____

Date 9/29/00 _____

Witness E. Reese _____

Date 9/29/00 _____