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## ASSIGNMENT

I, Kevin I. Bertness, a resident of the City of Batavia, in the County of Kane, State of Illinois, and Country of United States of America, have made an invention comprising certain new, useful, and nonobvious improvements in an

## IMPROVED APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TESTING RECHARGEABLE ENERGY STORAGE BATTERIES

Said invention is described or intended to be described and set forth in the patent application presently identified as Docket No. 12453US02, filed June 15, 2000 and Serial No. 09/595,102.

Midtronics, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois and having a place of business at Willowbrook, Illinois (hereinafter: "said assignee") desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and any Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention, said application, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations in part, reissues, reexamination certificates, foreign counterparts, and extensions thereof.

I warrant and represent that I conceived said invention, that no one other than myself is an inventor of said invention, and that I have not assigned or agreed to assign any rights in said invention or said application to anyone other than said assignee or a predecessor in interest to said assignee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign to said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire worldwide right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and any Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention, said application, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations in part, reissues, reexamination certificates, substitutes, and extensions of said application (each of which is included herein as a part of "said application"), including but not limited to all my United States and other national rights to said invention and said application and all my rights under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and all other applicable treaties or laws in respect to said invention and said application.

I hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention or upon said application to said assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this assignment.

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I hereby authorize said assignee to apply for patents on said invention in foreign countries, claiming the filing date of said application under the provisions of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and all other applicable treaties and laws, and I further agree to execute any and all documents that may be required or desired by said assignee in order that said assignee may apply for Letters Patent on said invention in foreign countries in our names or its name.

I hereby agree to promptly communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention or said application; to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto; to sign all lawful papers, including but not limited to all divisional, continuing, continuing in part, reissue, substitute, and extension applications, all rightful oaths or declarations, and documents confirming or substituting for this assignment.

Signed at WILL	<u>ゅんβんのド</u> , in the Co	ounty of <u>DuPAGE</u> a	and State of
ILLINOIS,	this 18 day of Sept	TEMBER, 2000.	
		Kevin I	. Bertness

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

SS.

COUNTY OF KANE)

I, DEBBIE L. KARNAZES, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that **KEVIN I. BERTNESS** personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this \_\_\_\_/8<sup>TT+</sup> day of \_\_\_SEPTEMBER\_\_\_\_, Debbie X- Karmys Notary Public 2000.

OFFICIAL SEAL NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 11-15-2003

**RECORDED: 10/03/2000** 

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My commission expires: 11-15-2003