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CT-NASSAU CORPORATION

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OF AMERICA

Street Address:

4101 South NC Highway 62

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3. Nature of conveyance:

[] Assignment

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Execution Date of the Plan of Merger: December 20, 1999 Filing Date in State of North Carolina: December 23, 1999

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I, ELAINE F. MARSHALL, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

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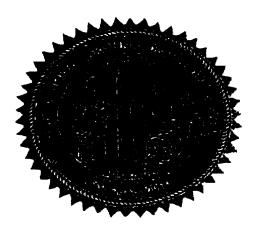
OF

CT-NASSAU CORPORATION

INTO

CONTINENTAL TICKING CORPORATION OF AMERICA

the original of which was filed in this office on the 23rd day of December, 1999.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 23rd day of December. 1999

Claire J. Marshall

Secretary of State

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CONTINENTAL TICKING CORPORATION OF AMERICATH CAROLINA

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 55-11-04 and 55-11-05 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, Continental Ticking Corporation of America, a North Carolina corporation (the "Surviving Corporation"), hereby submits these Articles of Merger for the purpose of merging its wholly-owned subsidiary, CT-Nassau Corporation, a North Carolina corporation (the "Merging Corporation"), into the Surviving Corporation:

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The following Plan of Merger was duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Surviving Corporation on the 11th day of November, 1999, in the manner required by the North Carolina Business Corporation Act (Chapter 55 of the North Carolina General Statutes):

- 1. The name of the corporation proposing to merge is CT-Nassau Corporation, a North Carolina corporation (hereinafter called the "Merging Corporation"); and the name of the parent corporation into which the Merging Corporation proposes to merge is Continental Ticking Corporation of America, a North Carolina corporation (hereinafter called the "Surviving Corporation"). The Merging Corporation and the Surviving Corporation are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Constituent Corporations."
- 2. The name of the Surviving Corporation shall be Continental Ticking Corporation of America.
- 3. Until the effective time of the merger (the 'Effective Time'), the Constituent Corporation shall continue to conduct its business without material change and shall not make any distribution or other disposition of assets, capital or surplus, except in the ordinary course of business.

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- 4. As of the Effective Time, the Merging Corporation's liabilities and assets of every nature shall become those of the Surviving Corporation by operation of law.
- 5. Each share of capital stock (common and, if applicable, preferred) of the Merging Corporation issued and outstanding at the Effective Time shall, as of the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and retired, and no consideration shall be issued in exchange therefor. The shares of capital stock of the Surviving Corporation shall continue to be outstanding without change.
- 6. The Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation, as presently constituted, shall continue as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.
- 7. The Effective Time shall be 11:59 P.M. on the 31st day of December, 1999.

11.

Approval of the foregoing Plan of Merger by the shareholders of the Surviving Corporation and the sole shareholder of the Merging Corporation was not required because the Plan of Merger was adopted pursuant to Section 55-11-04 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

This the 20th day of December, 1999.

CONTINENTAL TICKING CORPORATION OF AMERICA

Name:Alan Thoenen

Title: President

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