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IN THE MATTER OF an application under Section 13(1) by DBT Automation GmbH in respect of patent application number GB 0016654.6 in the name of DBT Automation GmbH

DECISION

- 1 Patent application number GB 0016654.6 names two inventors; Peter Herkenrath and Bernard Richter.
- 2 DBT Automation GmbH, the patent applicants, have applied to have Dr Dirk Abel mentioned as a joint inventor in accordance with Section 13(1) of the Act.
- 3 Dr Dirk Abel has confirmed in writing that he is a joint inventor for patent application number GB 0016654.6. Peter Herkenrath and Bernard Richter have also provided written consent that Dr Dirk Abel should be mentioned as a joint inventor. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Dr Dirk Abel was a joint inventor.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Dr Dirk Abel should be mentioned as a joint inventor in any patent granted for the invention. I also direct in accordance with Rule 14(5) that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the published application of the patent.

Dated this 7th day of August 2002.

MRS S WILLIAMS

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