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PATENTS ACT 1977

CLAIMANT	TRW Occupant Restraint Systems GmbH & Co KG & Volkswagen AG
PROPRIETOR	TRW Occupant Restraint Systems GmbH & Co KG & Volkswagen AG
ISSUE	Mention of additional inventors for EP 0942851 under section 13(1)

DECISION

- 1 Patent number EP 0942851 was granted pursuant to the international phase of international patent application number PCT/EP98/006333 filed in the name of TRW Occupant Restraint Systems GmbH & Co KG. In the original PCT application, Heinz Eyrainer and Michael Stutz were named as inventors. After grant, Volkswagen AG was added as proprietor by assignment.
- 2 TRW Occupant Restraint Systems GmbH & Co KG & Volkswagen AG have now made an application in accordance with Section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that Jens Bosch and Oliver Specht ought to have been mentioned as joint inventors.
- 3 The Office wrote to Jens Bosch and Oliver Specht on 16 October 2003, asking if they wished to confirm that they should be mentioned as inventors of the patent. A declaration of agreement to this was filed on 8 December 2003.
- 4 The Office wrote to the named inventors on 16 October 2003 inviting them to file a counter-statement should they wish to oppose the Section 13(1) application. Neither of the named inventors responded within the period set by the Office and so a further letter was issued on 2 December 2003. This indicated that the application under Section 13(1) was to be treated as unopposed subject to any comments received. Since neither of the named inventors has responded within this further period and in the absence of a counter-statement, I consider the application filed under section 13(1) to be unopposed.

5 Accordingly I direct in accordance with Rule 14(5) that addendum slips mentioning Jens Bosch and Oliver Specht as joint inventors be prepared for the published application of the patent and for the granted patent.

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