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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES ANThire Ltd, Alastair Nigel Thompson and Stephen Wilson

ISSUE Mention of additional inventor for patent number GB 2356888 under section 13(1)

HEARING OFFICER S M Williams

DECISION

1 Patents Form 7/77 names Alastair Nigel Thompson as sole inventor.

2 Stephen Wilson has now made an application in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that he ought also to have been mentioned as an inventor.

3 Alastair Nigel Thompson has confirmed in writing that he consents to Stephen Wilson being named as a joint inventor. Mr Thompson has also provided consent to the application on behalf of the patent proprietors. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Stephen Wilson was a joint inventor.

4 Accordingly I find that Stephen Wilson should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the granted patent. 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 and for the granted patent for the invention.

S M WILLIAMS
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