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## PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES	Transitive Limited, John Sandham and Paul Knowles
ISSUE	Mention of additional inventor for patent application number GB 0325759.9 under section 13(1)
HEARING OFFICER	S M Williams

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## DECISION

- 1 Patent application number GB 0321685.0 was published on 19 May 2004 as GB 2395316 and names one inventor, John Sandham.
- 2 Paul Knowles 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 Martyn Spink, a Director of Transitive Limited, has confirmed in writing that the patent applicants consent to the application under section 13(1). Written consent has also been received from John Sandham following correspondence with the agents acting for Mr Knowles. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Paul Knowles was a joint inventor.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Paul Knowles 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 patent application.

**S M WILLIAMS**

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