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## PATENTS ACT 1977

**PARTIES** Thibierge et Comar, Arjo Wiggins Fine Papers Limited, Emeric Thibierge, Jean-Francois Loeillot, James Christopher Body and Robert Graham Bracewell

**ISSUE** Whether James Christopher Body and Robert Graham Bracewell should be mentioned as additional inventors in patent number GB 2333303 as a result of an application under Section 13(1)

**HEARING OFFICER** S M Williams

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## DECISION

- 1 Following the international phase of international patent application number PCT/FR98/00930, patent application number GB 9905536.0 entered the national phase in the UK and was subsequently published as GB 2333303. The original PCT application named Thibierge et Comar as sole patent applicants and Emeric Thibierge and Jean-Francois Loeillot as joint inventors. The application proceeded to grant and Arjo Wiggins Fine Papers Limited were registered as joint patent proprietors by virtue of an assignment.
- 2 Thibierge et Comar has now made an application under with section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that James Christopher Body and Robert Graham Bracewell ought also to have been mentioned as joint inventors.
- 3 Each of the named inventors, including James Christopher Body and Robert Graham Bracewell, have confirmed in writing that they consent to the application. Claudine Carré, Chief Patent Attorney of Arjo Wiggins Fine Papers Limited has also confirmed in writing that the joint patent proprietors consent to the application. I therefore conclude that all the relevant parties agree that James Christopher Body and Robert Graham Bracewell were joint inventors.
- 4 Accordingly I find that James Christopher Body and Robert Graham Bracewell should be mentioned as joint inventors in the published patent application and granted patent for the invention and I direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning them as joint inventors be prepared for the published patent application and granted patent for the invention.

**S M WILLIAMS**

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