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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES NATS (EN ROUTE) PLC, Brian Janes,
Stephen James Pember and Alison
Laura Udal Roberts

ISSUE Whether Stephen James Pember and
Alison Laura Udal Roberts should be
mentioned as joint inventors and the
name of Brian Janes removed as
inventor for patent application numbers
GB 0526432.0 and GB 0526433.8 under
section 13(1) and 13(3)

HEARING OFFICER S M Williams

DECISION

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 in respect of patent application numbers GB 0526432.0 and GB 0526433.8 names Brian Janes as sole inventor.
- 2 NATS (EN ROUTE) PLC, the patent applicant, has made an application under section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that Stephen James Pember and Alison Laura Udal Roberts should be named as joint inventors. With agreement of the patent applicant, the application has been taken as filed under rule 10(2) of the Patent Rules 2007. Patents Form 2 has been amended accordingly. The patent applicant has also filed an application under section 13(3) of the Act to the effect that Brian Janes should not be named as inventor in the GB patent applications.
- 3 Brian Janes has confirmed in writing that he consents to the applications filed under rule 10(2) and section 13(3). For their part, Stephen James Pember and Alison Laura Udal Roberts have each confirmed in writing that Brian Janes should not be mentioned as an inventor and that they should be mentioned as joint inventors. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Brian Janes should not be mentioned as an inventor in relation to the patent applications and that Stephen James Pember and Alison Laura Udal Roberts should be mentioned as joint inventors.

- 4 Accordingly I find that Stephen James Pember and Alison Laura Udal Roberts should be mentioned as joint inventors in any patents granted for the inventions. I also direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning them as joint inventors be prepared for published patent application numbers GB 0526432.0 and GB 0526433.8.
- 5 This decision serves as a certificate, issued in accordance with section 13(3), to the effect that Brian Janes should not have been mentioned as an inventor in the published patent applications.

S M WILLIAMS

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller