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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES Roland Maudrich, Torsten Winkler, Jürgen Singer, Werner Lang, Wolfgang Fukarek, MEKRA Lang GmbH & Co. KG and Leybold Optics Dresden GmbH

ISSUE Mention of additional inventors for patent number EP (UK) 1971504 under Section 13(1)

HEARING OFFICER

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DECISION

- 1 European Patent (UK) No. 1971504 names three inventors: Jürgen Singer, Werner Lang and Wolfgang Fukarek.
- 2 The named inventors, along with Roland Maudrich and Torsten Winkler, have filed an application in accordance with rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Roland Maudrich and Torsten Winkler ought also to have been named as joint inventors.
- 3 For their part, the patent proprietors, MEKRA Lang GmbH & Co. KG and Leybold Optics Dresden GmbH have submitted a signed declaration to the effect that the invention resulted from the collaborative efforts of each of the inventors including Roland Maudrich and Torsten Winkler. They also confirm that each of the inventors should be named as such. I therefore conclude that all the relevant parties agree that Roland Maudrich and Torsten Winkler should be named as joint inventors.

4 Accordingly I find that Roland Maudrich and Torsten Winkler should be mentioned as joint inventors along with Jürgen Singer, Werner Lang and Wolfgang Fukarek in the granted EP (UK) patent and I direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning them as such be prepared for the granted patent for the invention.

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