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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES Robert Bosch GmbH, Ulrich Bohne, Eugen Hild,
Heiko Roehm, Klaus Baumgartner and Daniel
Dockner

ISSUE Whether a certificate should be issued in
accordance with section 13(3) to the effect that
Klaus Baumgartner and Daniel Dockner should not
have been mentioned as joint inventors in patent
number GB 2395460

HEARING OFFICER A R BUSHELL

DECISION

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 names five inventors. Ulrich Bohne, Eugen Hild, Heiko Roehm, Klaus Baumgartner and Daniel Dockner.
- 2 Robert Bosch GmbH, the current patent proprietor, has made an application under section 13(3) of the Act to the effect that both Klaus Baumgartner and Daniel Dockner should not have been mentioned as joint inventors.
- 3 The patent proprietors were unable to obtain consent documents from the inventors to effect the change. In the absence of consent from Ulrich Bohne, Eugen Hild, Heiko Roehm, Klaus Baumgartner and Daniel Dockner, the Office wrote to them allowing a period of six weeks to file a counterstatement should they wish to oppose the application. No response was received from Ulrich Bohne, Eugen Hild, Heiko Roehm, Klaus Baumgartner or Daniel Dockner.
- 4 As no response was received the application is treated as unopposed. In view of the fact that Ulrich Bohne, Eugen Hild, Heiko Roehm, Klaus Baumgartner and Daniel Dockner have failed to file a response, I therefore consider the application to be unopposed and find that Klaus Baumgartner and Daniel Dockner should not have been mentioned as joint inventors in the published patent application and granted patent for the invention. I also direct, in accordance with rule 14(5) that an addendum slip be prepared for the published patent application and granted patent for this invention to remove Klaus Baumgartner and Daniel Dockner as joint inventors.

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