

PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES	Perkins Engines Company Limited, Mark Aldred, Andrew Howell, Naseer Niaz, Srikanth Tummala, Jean-Yves Tillier, Matthew Johnson, Edward James Long and Paul David Gaynor
ISSUE	Mention of additional inventors for patent number GB2575674

HEARING OFFICER

Susan Eaves

DECISION

- 1 Patents Form 7 names six inventors: Mark Aldred, Andrew Howell, Naseer Niaz, Srikanth Tummala, Jean-Yves Tillier and Matthew Johnson. Perkins Engines Company Limited the patent proprietor, has filed an application in accordance with rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Edward James Long and Paul David Gaynor should also have been mentioned as joint inventors. The proprietor has filed a statement of grounds to initiate these proceedings.
- 2 The patent proprietor has been unable to obtain consent documents from the inventors to effect the change. In the absence of consents from Edward James Long and Paul David Gaynor Mark Aldred, Andrew Howell, Naseer Niaz, Srikanth Tummala, Jean-Yves Tillier and Matthew Johnson, the Office wrote to them allowing them a period of six weeks to file a counter-statement should they wish to oppose the application.
- 3 No response was received from Edward James Long and Paul David Gaynor Mark Aldred, Andrew Howell, Naseer Niaz, Srikanth Tummala and Matthew Johnson. Jean-Yves Tillier responded by advising that he had no objection to Edward James Long and Paul David Gaynor being named as inventors. The application is therefore treated as unopposed. I therefore conclude that Edward James Long and Paul David Gaynor should be named as joint inventors.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Edward James Long and Paul David Gaynor should be mentioned as joint inventors in published patent application and granted patent for the invention. I therefore direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip be prepared to reflect this for the published patent application and granted patent.

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B3 Tribunals Technical Co-ordinator, acting for the Comptroller