ANNEX TO STATEMENT OF REASONS (EUROPEAN PATENT (UK) NO. 1 114 415 B1)

Claim 1:

A linear predictive analysis-by-synthesis coding method, characterized by determining unquantized values of gains of a plurality of subframes;

vector quantizing said unquantized gains <u>over subframe boundaries without sacrificing</u> <u>the synchronization between encoder and decoder</u>, and updating internal encoder states using said vector quantized gains.

Claim 8:

A linear predictive analysis-by-synthesis encoder, characterized by

- a search algorithm block (50) for determining unquantized values of gains of a plurality of subframes;
- a vector quantizer (58) for vector quantizing said unquantized gains <u>over subframe</u> <u>boundaries without sacrificing the synchronization between encoder and decoder</u>, and means (50, 52, 54, 56) for updating internal encoder states using said vector quantized gains.