

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ENTERPRISE COURT (ChD)

B E T W E E N:

STANNAH STAIRLIFTS LIMITED

Claimant

and

PLATINUM STAIRLIFTS LIMITED

Defendant

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ANNEX 1 TO THE STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR AMENDMENT OF  
EUROPEAN PATENT (UK) 1 720 790

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**1. Conditional Amendment 1**

*“ [0013] In the preferred form of the invention, there will be no overhang of the rail at the bottom of the stairway. ~~However, the invention envisages that part of the rail may pass down to the floor closely adjacent the first riser 13. In practice, no part of the rail should project more than about 100mm in front of the first step 15. Certainly, all forms of the invention envisage that no part of the carriage should intrude between the rail and the first riser 13.~~”*

**2. Conditional Amendment 2**

Claim 2

“2. A stairlift (10) for use on a staircase (12) having a first step (15) up from the floor (14) from which said staircase extends, said stairlift including:

*a rail (17) having a lower end and an upper end;*

*a carriage (19) mounted on said rail for movement there-along;*

*a footrest (21) mounted on said carriage for displacement therewith;*

*wherein substantially the lower end of said lower section (23) terminates on and is fixed on to said first step (15), and said rail and said carriage*

are constructed and arranged such that, when said carriage (19) is at its lower most position on said rail, said footrest (21) is positioned below the level of said first step (15);

**characterised in that** said rail (17) has a main section (22) arranged at the angle of said stairway, and a lower section (23) extending from the main section which is angled downwardly with respect to said main section (22).”

### 3. Conditional Amendment 3

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wherein substantially the lower end of said lower section (23) terminates on and is fixed on to said first step (15), and said rail and said carriage are constructed and arranged such that, when said carriage (19) is at its lower most position on said rail, said footrest (21) is positioned below the level of said first step (15);

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