

PATENTS ACT 1977

IN THE MATTER OF an application under
Section 13(1) by Alex Patishi in respect of
Patent No 2199287 in the name of
Telpark (UK) Limited

DECISION

Patent Application No 8729096.1 was filed on 14 December 1987 in the name of Telpark (UK) Limited, claiming priority from Application No 8629880. The application was published on 6 July 1988 under Serial No GB 2199287A. The granted patent was published on 11 September 1991. Both the published application and the granted patent named Colin Johnson as sole inventor.

Application under section 13(1) of the Patents Act 1977 was made on 9 August 1993 by Alex Patishi declaring that he was a joint inventor of the invention which is the subject of the patent in suit and accordingly had a right to be mentioned as such in accordance with the terms of section 13(1).

The application was accompanied by a statement under rule 14(1) of the Patents Rules 1990 and subsequently by an amended statement filed on 26 November 1993 in which it was stated:

"I am a Director of Telpark (UK) Limited and have worked with Colin Johnson, Managing Director of Telpark (UK) Limited, in the development of parking vouchers, the subject of this patent.

When he was visiting Israel, I introduced Colin Johnson, representing Oranvale Limited, to a parking control system owned by Telpark Limited of Israel.

Mr Johnson and I formed Telpark (UK) Limited in which I have equal shareholdings with Mr Johnson. We worked on various problems raised by prospective customers, and developed the Israeli system to include various inventive improvements. I was

primarily concerned with the application of a variable tariff to different zones and Mr Johnson was concerned with monitoring the vouchers to prevent fraud.

The production model of the voucher was made the subject of the application for the present patent, the arrangements for which I left to the efforts of Mr Johnson and I did not concern myself with the prosecution of the application.

I became aware that the present patent had issued and that Mr Johnson had been named as sole inventor.

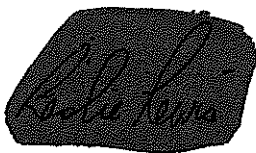
I believe that my contributions to the development of the voucher entitle me to be named as co-inventor."

In accordance with rule 14(2), copies of the application under section 13(1) and the accompanying statement were sent to Telpark (UK) Limited and to Colin Johnson under cover of official letters dated 24 September 1993. The amended statement was subsequently sent with further letters dated 9 December 1993.

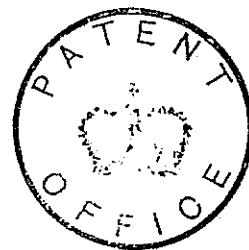
Neither of these recipients has entered opposition to the application as allowed by rule 14(3). In the absence of any such opposition, I am satisfied that Alex Patishi is a joint inventor of the invention which is the subject of the patent in suit and therefore has a right to be mentioned as such in accordance with the terms of section 13(1).

I accordingly direct under rule 14(5) that erratum slips mentioning Alex Patishi as a joint inventor be prepared for the published application of the patent and the granted specification of the patent.

Signed this 18 day of March 1994



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Principal Examiner, acting for the Comptroller



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