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IN THE MATTER OF a reference under Section 8 by Microcomputer Technical Services Ltd in respect of Patent Application No 8520106 (Serial No 2178921) in the name of John Leslie Hopkins

FINAL DECISION

On 6 June 1988 I issued an interim decision in which I directed that Robert Ian Lee should be named as inventor in place of the present applicant Mr Hopkins.

I also adjourned the proceedings to allow Microcomputer Technical Services Ltd (the referor) and Mr Lee to make submissions on which of them should be the new applicant. In a letter dated 4 July 1988, the referor's agent has notified the Comptroller that Mr Lee has requested that the application proceed in the referor's name; I therefore now direct that the application should proceed in the name of Microcomputer Technical Services Ltd in place of Mr Hopkins.

I also invited submissions to be made on the matter of costs. Written submissions were made by the referor's agents in the letter dated 4 July 1988, and by Mr Hopkins' agents in a letter dated 26 July 1988. Each submission was replied to by other side in letters dated 24 August and 17 August. I have considered the submissions, and now direct that Mr Hopkins pay £150 to the referor as a contribution to their costs.

Dated this

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day of October

1988

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Superintending Examiner, acting for the Comptroller

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