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PATENTS ACT 1977

IN THE MATTER OF an application under Section 13(1) by Hazel Elizabeth Johnson and Christopher Michael Wathes in respect of Patent No 2232759 in the name of Cambridge Isolation Technology Ltd and The University of Bristol

DECISION

Patent Application No 8911184.3 was filed on 16 May 1989 in the name of Cambridge Isolation Technology Ltd. The application was published on 19 December 1990 under Serial No GB 2232759A and the granted patent was published on 31 March 1993. Both the published application and the patent named Timothy Paul Coles and Jeremy Andrew Tombs as inventors. The patent currently stands in the joint name of Cambridge Isolation Technology Ltd and The University of Bristol by virtue of deed of assignment dated 20 October 1993.

Application under section 13(1) of the Patents Act 1977 was made on 3 March 1994 by Hazel Elizabeth Johnson and Christopher Michael Wathes declaring that they were joint inventors of the invention which is the subject of the patent in suit and accordingly have 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 in which it was stated:

"1. Hazel Elizabeth Johnson and Christopher Michael Wathes, the Applicants, were the joint inventors of the invention known as Isolator Extraction Systems which is the subject of United Kingdom Patent No 2232759 ("the Patent"), together with Timothy Paul Coles and Jeremy Andrew Tombs.

2. At present, only the said Timothy Paul Coles and Jeremy Andrew Tombs are named as inventors of the invention which is the subject of the Patent.

3. The right of the Applicants to be mentioned as joint inventors of the invention which is the subject of the Patent is acknowledged and consented to by the letters which accompany this Statement of Case, signed by the proprietors of the Patent and the said Timothy Paul Coles and Jeremy Andrew Tombs.

4. In the premises, the Applicants request The Comptroller to issue a certificate certifying that they are entitled to be mentioned as joint inventors of the invention which is the subject of the Patent pursuant to section 13(1) of the Patents Act 1977."

In accordance with rule 14(2), copies of the application under section 13(1) and the accompanying statement were sent to The Cambridge Isolation Technology, The University of Bristol, Timothy Paul Coles and Jeremy Andrew Tombs under cover of official letters dated 23 March 1994.

None of the recipients has entered opposition as allowed by rule 14(3). In absence of any such opposition, I am satisfied that Hazel Elizabeth Johnson and Christopher Michael Wathes are joint inventors of the invention together with Timothy Paul Coles and Jeremy Andrew Tombs which is the subject of the patent in suit and therefore have a right to be mentioned as such in accordance with the terms of section 13(1).

I accordingly direct under rule 14(5) that addendum slips mentioning Hazel Elizabeth Johnson and Christopher Michael Wathes with Timothy Paul Coles and Jeremy Andrew Tombs as joint inventors be prepared for the published application of the patent and the granted patent.

Signed this 29 day of July 1994.

Leslie Lewis
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Principal Examiner, acting for the Comptroller



THE PATENT OFFICE