

PATENTS ACT 1977

IN THE MATTER OF an application under
Section 13(1) and Section 13(3) by Mahfoud
Messaour in respect of Patent No. GB 2317344
in the name of Mahfoud Messaour

DECISION

- 1 Patent number GB 2317344 was granted pursuant to the international phase of international patent application number PCT/GB96/01441 filed in the name of Stella Margaret Williams. In the original PCT application, Stella Margaret Williams was named as sole inventor. After grant, the patent was assigned to Mahfoud Messaour.
- 2 Mahfoud Messaour has now applied to be mentioned as sole inventor in accordance with Section 13(1) of the Act. He has also made an application under Section 13(3) to the effect that Stella Margaret Williams should not have been mentioned as an inventor.
- 3 Stella Margaret Williams has confirmed that she supports the application made by Mahfoud Messaour. The Office however wrote to her to clarify the position since it is not inconsistent for her to be named as the inventor and Mahfoud Messaour to be named as the patent proprietor. In a subsequent letter she again confirmed her consent to the application. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Mahfoud Messaour should be mentioned as sole inventor and that the name of Stella Margaret Williams should be deleted from the granted patent.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Mahfoud Messaour should be mentioned as sole inventor in the granted patent and that the name of Stella Margaret Williams should be deleted. I also direct in accordance with Rule 14(5) that an addendum slip be prepared for the granted patent: the slip will mention Mahfoud Messaour as sole inventor and state that Stella Margaret Williams should not have been named as inventor.

5. This decision serves as a certificate, issued in accordance with Section 13(3), to the effect that Stella Margaret Williams should not have been mentioned as inventor in the granted patent.

Dated this day of February 2003.

MRS S WILLIAMS

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller

THE PATENT OFFICE