

## **PATENTS ACT 1977**

IN THE MATTER OF an application under  
Sections 13(1) and 13(3) by Wolfgang Rixen and  
Gerrit Pies in respect of European Patents (UK)  
0200927 and 0136431 in the name of Item Industrietechnik und  
Maschinenbau GmbH.

### **DECISION**

These two European Patents (UK) each name just one inventor, Edgar Rixen.

Wolfgang Rixen and Gerrit Pies have now applied to be mentioned as inventors in respect of both patents in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act. They also allege under section 13(3) that Edgar Rixen ought not to have been mentioned as inventor.

Item Industrietechnik und Maschinenbau GmbH and Edgar Rixen have each confirmed in writing that they support Wolfgang Rixen and Gerrit Pies' request to be named as joint inventors in place of Edgar Rixen. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Wolfgang Rixen and Gerrit Pies were the joint inventors.

Accordingly, I find that Wolfgang Rixen and Gerrit Pies ought to have been mentioned as inventors in the granted patents. I also direct in accordance with Rule 14(5) that, for each patent, an addendum slip be prepared for the granted patent: the slip will mention Wolfgang Rixen and Gerrit Pies as the joint inventors and state that Edgar Rixen ought not to have been mentioned as inventor.

This decision also serves as a certificate, issued in accordance with Section 13(3), to the effect that Edgar Rixen ought not to have been mentioned as the inventor.

Dated this 7th day of May 1998

**S P ROWAN**

Higher Executive Officer, acting for the Comptroller

**THE PATENT OFFICE**