This decision is reissued on 26 June 2000 to correct the error in the fourth paragraph; that paragraph has been deleted.

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IN THE MATTER OF an reference under Section 8(1) and an application under Section 13(1) & (3) by John Richard Miles Turner in respect of Patent Application Nos GB 9913571.7 & GB 9914495.8 in the names of John Richard Miles Turner, John Curran and Nigel Willis

DECISION

The unpublished applications for these patents named John Richard Miles Turner, John Curran and Nigel Willis as joint applicants. No Form 7/77 has yet been filed.

John Richard Miles Turner filed a reference on 6 January 2000 to be named as sole patent applicant in accordance with Section 8(1) of the Act. He also filed on the same date an application under Section 13(1) & (3) to be named as sole inventor.

In a letter dated 19 April 2000 John Curran and Nigel Willis's agents stated that "in making no admission as to the accuracy of the referrer's claims, our clients hereby withdraw their applicancy," ie they do not contest the reference and application.

Accordingly, I direct that John Richard Miles Turner should be mentioned as sole applicant and sole inventor for the published application and in any patent granted for the invention.

Signed this 26 day of June 2000

SUSAN WILLIAMS

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller

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