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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES	Spencer Wright Industries Inc, Neale Bennett, Alan Reid and Frank Shanley
ISSUE	Mention of additional inventor for patent number GB 2354263 under Section 13(1)
HEARING OFFICER	S M Williams

DECISION

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 names Neale Bennett and Alan Reid as joint inventors.
- 2 Frank Shanley has now made an application in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that he ought also to have been mentioned as an inventor.
- 3 Martyn Draper, patent agent for Spencer Wright Industries Inc, the patent proprietors, has confirmed in writing that they consent to the application filed by Frank Shanley under section 13(1). Neale Bennett and Alan Reid have also confirmed in writing that they consent to the application. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Frank Shanley was a joint inventor.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Frank Shanley should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the granted patent. I also direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the published patent application and for the granted patent for the invention.

S M WILLIAMS

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller