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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES Smith International Inc, Charles H Dewey and John E Campbell

ISSUE Mention of additional inventor for patent number GB 0210136.8 under Section 13(1)

HEARING OFFICER S M Williams

DECISION

1 Patent application number GB 0210136.8 was published on 13 November 2002 as GB 2375362 and names one inventor, Charles H Dewey.

2 John E Campbell 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 Smith International Inc, the patent applicants, have confirmed in writing that they consent to the application filed by John E Campbell under section 13(1). Charles H Dewey has also confirmed in writing that he consents to the application. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that John E Campbell was a joint inventor.

4 Accordingly I find that John E Campbell should be mentioned as a joint inventor in any patent granted for the invention. 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.

S M WILLIAMS
B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller