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**PATENTS ACT 1977**

**PARTIES**                      Research in Motion Limited, Ken  
  Whatmough, John Paul Hayman,  
  Kristopher Braun and David Tapuska

**ISSUE**                        Mention of additional inventors for patent  
  number EP (UK) 2056569  
  under Section 13(1)

**HEARING OFFICER**                      A R BUSHELL

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**DECISION**

- 1    European Patent (UK) No. 2056569 names three inventors; Ken Whatmough, John Paul Hayman and Kristopher Braun.
- 2    Research in Motion Limited, the patent proprietor, made an application under Rule 10(2) of the Patent Rules 2007 to the effect that David Tapuska should also have been named as an inventor. A statement from Research in Motion Limited was filed to support the request.
- 3    Ken Whatmough and John Paul Hayman have filed written consent in support of the application. David Tapuska has also filed written consent confirming he should be named as a joint inventor. However, the proprietor was unable to obtain consent from Kristopher Braun as he was no longer in their employment.
- 4    In the absence of consent from Kristopher Braun the office wrote to him allowing a period of six weeks to file a counterstatement should he wish to oppose the proceedings. No response was received. In view of the fact that Kristopher Braun has failed to file a response and given that consent to the application has been filed by the other parties having an interest in this matter, I therefore consider the application to be unopposed.

- 5 Accordingly I find that David Tapuska should be mentioned as joint inventor, along with Ken Whatmough, John Paul Hayman and Kristopher Braun, in the granted EP (UK) patent and I direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning them as such be prepared for the granted patent for the invention.

**A R BUSHELL**

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for Comptroller