



PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES	StatoilHydro ASA, Janniche Iren Nordskog, Lasse Amundsen and Lars Ole Loseth
ISSUE	Mention of additional inventor for patent number GB2458394 under Section 13(1) and whether a certificate should be issued in accordance with Section 13(3) to the effect that Janniche Iren Nordskog should not have been mentioned as a joint inventor in the patent.
HEARING OFFICER	A R BUSHELL

DECISION

- 1 Following the international phase of international patent application number PCT/EP2007/062659, patent application number GB0909891.4 entered the national phase in the UK and was subsequently published and proceeded to grant as patent number GB 2458394. The original PCT application named two inventors; Janniche Iren Nordskog and Lasse Amundsen.
- 2 StatoilHydro ASA, the patent proprietor, has made an application under rule 10(2) of the Patent Rules 2007 to the effect that Lars Ole Loseth should be named as a joint inventor. The patent proprietor has also filed an application under section 13(3) of the Patents Act 1977 to remove Janniche Iren Nordskog as a joint inventor in the patent.
- 3 Lasse Amundsen and Janniche Iren Nordskog have provided written consent to these applications. For his part, Lars Ole Loseth has also filed written consent confirming he should be named as a joint inventor. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Lars Ole Loseth should have been named as a joint inventor and Janniche Iren Nordskog should not have been mentioned as a joint inventor in the published patent application or granted patent for this invention.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Lars Ole Loseth should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the published patent application and granted patent for the invention. This decision also serves as a certificate, issued in accordance with section 13(3), to the effect that Janniche Iren Nordskog should not have been mentioned as a joint inventor in both the published patent application and granted patent for the invention.

- 5 I therefore direct, in accordance with rule 10(1) that an addendum slip mentioning Lars Ole Loseth as a joint inventor and removing Janniche Iren Nordskag as a joint inventor be prepared for both the published patent application and granted patent for the invention.

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B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller