



PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES Nike International Ltd., Eric P. Avar, James A. Grove,
Bruce J. Kilgore and Michael R. Friton

ISSUE Mention of additional inventors for patent number
EP1587385 under Section 13(1)

HEARING OFFICER A R Bushell

DECISION

- 1 European Patent (UK) No. 1587385 names two inventors: Eric P. Avar and James A. Grove. The patent proprietors are Nike International Ltd.
- 2 Nike International Ltd. has now made an application under rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that both Bruce J. Kilgore and Michael R. Friton should also have been named as joint inventors.
- 3 A number of statements were filed to support the request to add these two inventors in relation to corresponding patent number US 6,915,596. These statements have been provided as evidence for this subsequent application. The evidence consists of statements from both Eric P. Avar and James A. Grove confirming they consent to both Bruce J. Kilgore and Michael R. Friton being added as joint inventors on the US patent. For their part, Bruce J. Kilgore and Michael R. Friton also submitted written statements confirming they should be named as joint inventors in respect of US patent number US 6,915,526.
- 4 In a witness statement dated 10 July 2013, the patent proprietor's attorney, Mr Adrian G. Tombling of Withers & Rogers, confirmed the inventions described in patent number US 6,915,596 and patent number EP1587385 are in substance the same and relate to the same invention. On this basis I conclude that all relevant parties agree that Bruce J. Kilgore and Michael R. Friton should be named as joint inventors in respect of the invention covered by patent number EP1587385.

- 5 Accordingly I find that both Bruce J. Kilgore and Michael R. Friton should be mentioned as joint inventors in the granted patent for the invention and I direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning them as joint inventors be prepared for the granted patent for the invention.

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