



## PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES	Xiamen Aquasu Electric Shower Co. Ltd, DLP Ltd, Quanduo Hou, Yan Zeng, Weibin Li, Yihui Hong, Shaohong Gao, Yuefeng Gao and Robert Finch
ISSUE	Reference filed under Section 37 and application under rule 10(2) for mention of inventor for patent number GB2581239
HEARING OFFICER	Susan Eaves

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### DECISION

- 1 Patent number GB2581239 proceeded to grant in the name of Xiamen Aquasu Electric Shower Co. Ltd and names six inventors: Quanduo Hou, Yan Zeng, Weibin Li, Yihui Hong, Shaohong Gao and Yuefeng Gao.
- 2 Xiamen Aquasu Electric Shower Co. Ltd has filed an application under rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Robert Finch should also have been mentioned as a joint inventor. They have also filed a reference under section 37 of the Patents Act 1977 requesting that DLP Ltd is named as a co-proprietor of the patent by virtue of their contract of employment with Robert Finch at the time the invention was devised.
- 3 DLP Ltd has provided written consent to being named as co-proprietor of the patent having been the employer of the additional inventor Robert Finch. Xiamen Aquasu Electric Shower Co. Ltd has also filed written consent to this effect. Robert Finch has provided written consent to being mentioned as a joint inventor. Quanduo Hou, Yan Zeng, Weibin Li, Yihui Hong, Shaohong Gao and Yuefeng Gao have also confirmed that they consent to Robert Finch being mentioned as a joint inventor.
- 4 On the basis of the information provided and the written consent filed by those involved, the application is treated as uncontested. I conclude that all relevant parties agree that DLP Ltd is entitled to be named as a co-proprietor in respect of patent number GB2581239 and that Robert Finch should be mentioned as a joint inventor.
- 5 I therefore direct that an addendum slip prepared to reflect this finding for the published patent application and granted patent.

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B3 Tribunals Technical Co-ordinator, acting for the Comptroller