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## PATENTS ACT 1977

**PARTIES** Immersion Corporation, Danny Grant,  
Jeffrey Eid, Shoichi Endo,  
Erik J Shohoian and Dean C Chang

**ISSUE** Mention of additional inventors for  
patent application number  
GB 0514059.5 under Section 13(1)

**HEARING OFFICER** S M Williams

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## DECISION

- 1 Following the international phase of international patent application number PCT/US2003/038862, patent application number GB 0514059.5 entered the national phase in the UK and was subsequently published as GB 2412989. The original PCT application named three inventors; Danny Grant, Jeffrey Eid and Shoichi Endo.
- 2 Immersion Corporation, the patent applicants, have now made an application in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that Erik J Shohoian and Dean C Chang ought also to have been mentioned as joint inventors.
- 3 Laura Peter, Vice President and General Counsel of Immersion Corporation, has provided written consent to the application on behalf of the patent applicants. Danny Grant, Jeffrey Eid and Shoichi Endo have also confirmed in writing that they consent to the application. Erik J Shohoian and Dean C Chang have provided written confirmation that they should be named as joint inventors and both consent to each other being named as such. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Erik J Shohoian and Dean C Chang should also be named as joint inventors.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Erik J Shohoian and Dean C Chang should be mentioned as joint inventors in any patent granted for the invention. I also direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning them as joint inventors be prepared for the published patent application for the invention.

**S M WILLIAMS**

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller