



13 August 2010

**PATENTS ACT 1977**

**PARTIES** DLP Limited, James Self,  
Robert William Stimpson and  
Graham Robin Lock

**ISSUE** Mention of additional inventor for  
patent number GB 2415369  
under Section 13(1)

**HEARING OFFICER** S M WILLIAMS

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**DECISION**

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 names two inventors: Robert William Stimpson and Graham Robin Lock.
- 2 DLP Limited, the patent proprietor, has now made an application under rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that James Self should also have been named as a joint inventor.
- 3 Written consent to the application has been provided by Robert William Stimpson. For his part, James Self has also confirmed in writing that he should be named as an inventor.
- 4 In the absence of consent from Graham Robin Lock, the Office wrote to Mr Lock enclosing a copy of the application, accompanying statement and additional documents filed and invited him to file a counter-statement if he wished to oppose the application. No counter-statement has been filed within the deadline set by the Office. Therefore I must treat Mr Lock as supporting the applicant's case as required by rule 77(9) of the Patents Rules 2007, and as such, I conclude that all relevant parties agree that James Self should be named as a joint inventor.
- 5 Accordingly I find that James Self should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the published patent application and granted patent for the invention along with Robert William Stimpson and Graham Robin Lock and I direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the published patent application and granted patent for the invention.

**S M WILLIAMS**

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