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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES IBM United Kingdom Limited,
Frederick C Mintzer and others

ISSUE Mention of additional inventor for patent
number GB 2358100 under section 13(1)

HEARING OFFICER S M Williams

DECISION

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 names five inventors; Gordon Wesley Braudaway, Marco Martens, James B Shearer, Charles Philippe Louis Tresser and Cahi W Wu.
- 2 IBM United Kingdom Limited has applied to have Frederick C Mintzer mentioned as a joint inventor in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act.
- 3 Roger Burt, on behalf of the patent proprietors International Business Machines Corporation, has confirmed in writing that the patent proprietors consent to the application. The named inventors have also provided written consent. For his part, Frederick C Mintzer has confirmed in writing that he should be named as a co-inventor. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Frederick C Mintzer was a joint inventor.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Frederick C Mintzer should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the granted patent. I also direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the published application and for the granted patent for the invention.

S M WILLIAMS

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller