

PATENTS ACT 1977

IN THE MATTER OF references under sections 8, 12 and 37 by Brian Williams in respect of GB Application 9520478.0 in the name of West Glamorgan County Council and various foreign applications claiming priority therefrom in the joint names of Neath and Port Talbot County Borough Council and the City and County of Swansea.

FINAL ORDER

- 1 On 22 May 2001 I issued a decision on the above references. In that decision I made certain findings, and then invited the parties to attempt to agree between them a form of order that would meet their needs and be consistent with those findings. I am very grateful to the parties for cooperating and agreeing a draft order. I am happy to adopt it as drafted, save for a slight modification of the costs point to reflect the fact that I had already made an order for costs in my earlier decision.
- 2 Accordingly, having heard counsel for the claimants and defendants, I declare that:
 1. Mr Brian Williams is entitled to proprietorship of GB Application No. 9520478.0 and all applications and granted patents claiming priority therefrom as between himself and West Glamorgan County Council, Port Talbot County Borough Council and the City and County of Swansea.
 2. All such applications claiming priority from GB Application No. 9520478.0 shall proceed solely in the name of the claimant.

I order that:

3. The defendants do forthwith disclose to the claimant the existence of all applications and granted patents claiming priority from GB Application No. 9520478.0.
4. The defendants do transfer to the claimant the proprietorship of all applications and granted patents claiming priority from GB Application No. 9520478.0
5. In accordance with the order in my decision of 22 May 2001, the defendants do pay to the claimant's solicitors the sum of £900 towards the costs of the case.

- 3 Although the point is probably of academic significance in view of the parties' mutual agreement to this order, as this order is not a decision relating to matters of procedure, under the relevant High Court Practice Direction the appeal period is six weeks.

Dated this 3rd day of July 2001

P HAYWARD

Divisional Director acting for the Comptroller

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