



PATENTS ACT 1977

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APPLICANT

Garry Ritchie

ISSUE

Whether patent application number GB 0603702.2 complies with sections 1(1)(c) and 14(3)

HEARING OFFICER

C L Davies

DECISION

History of the application

- The application, entitled "Artificial Force Field Generator", was filed on 24 February 2006 together with Forms 9A/77 and 10/77 and the prescribed fees. The application was referred in the usual way to an examiner.
- On 8 May 2006, the examiner issued a section 18(3) report to the applicant expressing her opinion that the application did not disclose the invention in a manner which was clear enough and complete enough for it to be performed by a person skilled in the art and hence was not patentable under section 14(3). She also took the view that the invention was not capable of industrial application and therefore not patentable under section 1(1)(c) since it appeared to deal with gravity defying force fields and concepts of spirituality such as chakras, suggesting that the human soul can be used as a source of energy. The examiner pointed out that none of these aspects are scientifically recognized. The report gave the applicant the option of withdrawing his application with a refund of the search and examination fees.
- Following no response to the section 18(3) report, a further letter of 11 October 2006 was issued, in which the examiner stated the intention to refuse the application and also to offer a hearing. No response was received and the application was referred to me for a decision on the papers.

The application

- The application is stated to relate to an artificial force field generator which comprises a vibration interface which connects with the human soul centre and a targeting system which redirects, accelerates/decelerates (ie moves) a desired object under the influence of the artificial field force generator.
- 5 The application describes the vibration interface as a conduit, for the vibrations

of the human soul centre to penetrate the structure of the desired object, so as to generate vibrations throughout and to create synchronous atomic/molecular vibrations that produce a uniform polarized field.

- The application describes the targeting system as a neural network that links the human spiritual centre (the chakra) for the purpose of navigation, which occurs by realigning the polarized field which surrounds the desired object.
- The application states that the neural network relays the light from the third eye chakra to targeting scanners that focus the light to a predetermined point, thus creating a resultant gravity well which realigns the artificial force field and results in a desired change of direction or change in velocity.
- In essence, the proposed invention appears to relate to moving objects by using the human soul as a source of power.
- 9 The application contains 1 independent claim (claim 1) and a further 5 dependent claims. Claim 1, which was filed on the application date and has not been amended, reads:

"A force field generator comprising, A source of vibration interface for the purpose of tapping into the soul or human centre of the human body that will transmit vibrations from the soul centre to the object 1, A targeting system that is responsible for redirecting and accelerating said object 1, An interface for the body's chakras to allow the essential services required of said object to be served."

The law

10 Section 1(1)(c) states:

| "A patent may be granted only for an invention in respect of which the | е |
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| following conditions are satisfied, that is to say – | |

- (a)....;
- (b)....;
- (c) it is capable of industrial application;
- (d)....;"

11 Section 4(1) reads:

"Subject to subsection (2) below, an invention shall be taken to be capable of industrial application if it can be made or used in any kind of industry, including agriculture."

12 Section 14(3) of the Patents Act 1977 states:

"The specification of an application shall disclose the invention in a manner which is clear enough and complete enough for the invention to be performed by a person skilled in the art."

The issues

- The examiner objected that the invention was not capable of industrial application and explained that the invention must be consistent with conventional science and function according to well established laws. The examiner pointed out that since the invention deals with gravity defying force fields and concepts of spirituality such as chakras, and suggests that the human soul can be used as a source of energy, these aspects are not scientifically recognized and not capable of producing energy according to well-established science.
- The examiner also objected that the application was not described in a manner that was clear enough and complete enough for it to be carried out by a skilled person and stated that the invention must be capable of functioning as it is described and also capable of being performed by someone. The examiner continued that it was not clear from the description, how the invention is intended to function and asserted that since it was not scientific, it would not be capable of working and therefore could not be carried out.
- I have carefully considered the objections raised by the examiner in the light of the specification and I have done my best to understand the applicant's invention. Given that the applicant did not respond to the section 18(3) reports, I only have the description, claims, abstract and figures that were originally filed, on which to base my decision.
- 16 I will first consider industrial applicability. The description states that "the targeting system will allow the alignment of atoms/molecules in any given direction to facilitate the transportation of an object resisting the influence of a gravitational field without the need for a fuel source for propulsion/thrust" and that "When the object requires a change in direction or to accelerate, the already existing artificial force field can be realigned by energizing the appropriate number of targeting scanners." The description goes on to state that "Any system that plans to achieve mobility through the use of an artificial force field requires a power source to create the energy levels necessary to achieve excitation and polarization of atomic structure" and that the "power source is an individual's human centre or soul" and that "the stream of white light" (produced upon meditation) is the "energy stream that will power the targeting system's scanners.... that the scanners use to redirect or accelerate the object." In my opinion, the inventor's assertion that the human soul can be used as a power source in this context goes against well-established scientific laws and from this I deduce that the proposed invention lacks industrial application.
- I will now consider sufficiency of disclosure. In the application, the applicant refers to a vibration interface, a targeting system, targeting scanners etc but he does not describe what these actually are or how they are intended to function. Even if these entities and their functions had been described in more detail and I was prepared to accept that the human soul could be harnessed in such a way to produce energy to move objects (which I am not), the specification does not describe how this could be achieved and is clearly insufficient in this respect. Thus I consider that the disclosure in the application falls far short of

- that needed to describe the invention in a manner which is clear enough and complete enough for it to be performed.
- I have found that the invention as described does not comply with sections 1(1)(c) and 14(3) and can see nothing in the application that could form the basis of an allowable amendment that would meet these objections. I therefore refuse the application.

Appeal

19 Under the Practice Direction to Part 52 of the Civil Procedure Rules, any appeal must be lodged within 28 days.

C L Davies

Deputy Director acting for the Comptroller