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PARTIES University of Bolton, Rashid Masood and Mohsen Miraftab

ISSUE Mention of additional inventor for patent application number GB1117140.2

HEARING OFFICER Andrew Bushell

DECISION

1 Patent application number GB1117140.2 was filed on 5 October 2011 in the name of Mohsen Miraftab. A letter dated 5 December 2012 confirmed that Mohsen Miraftab was the sole inventor for this application. On the 21 February 2013 the patents register was updated to show that Mohsen Miraftab had assigned his rights in the patent application to the University of Bolton, by virtue of an assignment dated 03 December 2012.

2 Rashid Masood has now filed an application in accordance with rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that he should have been named as a joint inventor on the patent application.

3 Both The University of Bolton and Mohsen Miraftab have filed written consent in support of the application. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Rashid Masood should be named as a joint inventor.

4 Accordingly I find that Rashid Masood should be mentioned as a joint inventor in patent application GB1117140.2 and I direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning him as such be prepared for the published patent for the invention.

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