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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES	Katairo GmbH and Takeda GmbH
ISSUE	Reference filed under Section 37 in respect of patent number EP(UK) 2249829
HEARING OFFICER	Susan Eaves

DECISION

1 European patent (UK) No. 2249829 proceeded to grant in the name of Katairo GmbH.

2 Katairo GmbH has filed a reference under section 37 of the Patents Act 1977 requesting that Takeda GmbH is named as co-proprietor of the patent.

3 Katairo GmbH advise that two additional inventors have been identified who were not listed as inventors in the patent application and both, at the time of the invention, were employees of Takeda GmbH. A request was made to the European Patent Office to add the two inventors. This change was effected by the European Patent Office and is also shown on the EP(UK) patents register. Katairo GmbH state that as a result of this change Takeda GmbH should be named as co-proprietor of patent EP(UK) 2249829.

4 Takeda GmbH has provided written consent to being named as co-proprietor of the patent having been the employer of the two additional inventors. Katairo GmbH has also filed written consent to this effect.

5 On the basis of the information provided and the written consent filed by those involved, the application is treated as uncontested. I conclude that all relevant parties agree that Takeda GmbH is entitled to be named as co-proprietor in respect of patent number EP(UK) 2249829.

6 I therefore direct that the patents register be updated accordingly and an addendum slip prepared to reflect this finding for the granted patent.

SUSAN EAVES
B3 Tribunals Technical Co-ordinator, acting for the Comptroller