

**PATENTS ACT 1977**  
(THE PATENTS RULES 2007)

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| CLAIMANTS       | Cambridge Quantum Computing Limited  |
| DEFENDANT       | River Lane Research Ltd  |
| PROCEEDINGS     | References under section 8(1)(a) and section 12(1)(a) in respect of patent applications PCT/GB2019/050238, GB1807973.1 and GB1801517.2 |
| HEARING OFFICER | H Jones  |

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**DECISION**

- 1 References under section 8 and section 12 for determination of entitlement to PCT/GB2019/050238, GB1807973.1 and GB1801517.2 were filed on 2 September 2019. In its statement of grounds, the claimant suggests that some or all of the questions to be decided involve matters that would more properly be determined by the Court and asks that the comptroller declines to deal with the references as provided for by sections 8(7) and 12(2). The claimant refers to concurrent proceedings before the UK Patents Court (claim no. HP-2019-000033) in respect of breach of contract, breach of confidence and patent entitlement.
- 2 The defendant has confirmed that it agrees that the matter is best dealt with by the High Court.
- 3 In the circumstances of this case, i.e. the consent of both sides and the parallel proceedings before the Patents Court, I am satisfied that the comptroller should decline to deal with the references under sections 8 and 12 and that the Court should have jurisdiction to decide the questions of entitlement.
- 4 In accordance with section 8(7) and section 12(2), the comptroller declines to deal with these references.

**H Jones**  
Deputy Director, acting for the Comptroller