



PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES Kennametal Inc, Ruy Frota de Souza Filho, Mark Alan Francis and Michael Saffels

ISSUE Mention of an additional inventor for patent numbers GB2496986 and GB2496987

HEARING OFFICER Susan Eaves

DECISION

- 1 Patents form 7 in respect of patent numbers GB2496986 and GB2496987 names two inventors; Ruy Frota de Souza Filho and Mark Alan Francis. The Patent Proprietor is Kennametal Inc.
- 2 Kennametal Inc has filed two applications in accordance with rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Michael Saffels should have been named as a joint inventor.
- 3 Ruy Frota de Souza Filho, Mark Alan Francis and Kennametal Inc, have all filed written consent in support of the application. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Michael Saffels should be named as a joint inventor on these patents.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Michael Saffels should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the published patent applications and forthcoming granted patents for the invention. I therefore direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the published patent applications and forthcoming granted patents for GB2496986 and GB2496987.

Susan Eaves

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