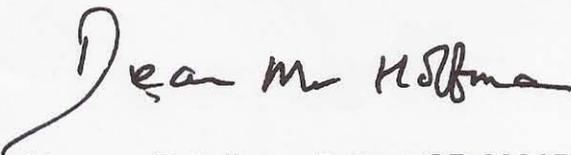


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**Re: Licence Details on Patent GB 2201548**

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2006 discussing the Register entry for the licence filed in March 1996 on the above Patent.

When we record details of registrable transactions, in particular licences, Rule 46(1) and (2)(b) of the Patents Act 1995, allows us to proceed if the details of the licence are filed on a form 21/77. If this is signed by the grantor of the licence, we will record the transaction without the need for accompanying evidence such as a certified copy of the licence. This is the case with this patent and having now looked at the file, I can confirm that we have never received a copy of the licence which recorded Electret Developments Limited as a licensee. it was a Licence Agreement - and these are hidden

Unfortunately, as you have pointed out in your letter, this contradicts our Register entry dated 25 March 1996 and this is due to the use of standard text on the Register. At the time of recording, staff in the relevant section used standard Register entry texts, together with standard wording for confirmation letters, both of which indicated the receipt of certified copies of the relevant documents. This was the practice for all registrable transactions recorded in the Office at that time. However, as this case highlights, not all transactions require additional documentation and I am pleased to say that our practice changed in 1999 and our Registry entries now indicate whether a form 21/77 alone has been filed or whether additional evidence has been necessary. I will now arrange for an updated entry to be included against this patent and its associate, GB2136207, to show that the licence was recorded on the receipt of the form 21/77 alone.



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I hope this goes some way to explaining why you have been unable to obtain a copy of the licence for this patent. I understand that this must have been a frustrating experience for you and I can only apologise that we cannot, on this occasion, meet your request.

Yours  
Ron

**Ron Marchant**