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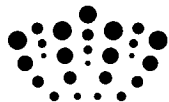
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Dear Sir/Madam

PATENTS ACT 1977: PATENTS RULES 2007
NOTIFICATION OF GRANT: PATENT SERIAL NUMBER:GB2487566

1. I am pleased to tell you that your patent application number GB1101397.6 complies with the requirements of the Act and Rules, and that you are therefore granted a patent (for the purposes of Sections 1-23 of the Act) as from the date of this letter.

2. Grant of the patent is expected to be announced in the Patents Journal on 17 April 2013. In accordance with section 25(1), the patent will be treated for all later sections of the Act as having been granted and as taking effect on that date. The patent specification will be published on the same date, and you will receive the Certificate of Grant for your patent shortly afterwards. If you would also like a copy of your granted specification, this will be freely available from our website at www.ipo.gov.uk/p-find-publication.

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Yours faithfully

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