

PATENTS ACT 1977

IN THE MATTER OF an application under
Section 13(1) by Ayumu Taniguchi and Juni-ichi Tanabe in respect
of Patent Application No GB 9822134.4 in the name of Toyo Kohan Co., Ltd

DECISION

The application for this patent named three inventors, Keiichi Shimizu, Fumio Kunishige and Masao Komai

Ayumu Taniguchi and Juni-ichi Tanabe have now applied to be mentioned as joint inventors in accordance with Section 13(1) of the Act.

Toyo Kohan Co., Ltd, Keiichi Shimizu, Fumio Kunishige and Masao Komai have each confirmed in writing that they support Ayumu Taniguchi and Juni-ichi Tanabe's request to be named as joint inventors. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Ayumu Taniguchi and Juni-ichi Tanabe were joint inventors.

Accordingly, I direct that Ayumu Taniguchi and Juni-ichi Tanabe should be mentioned as joint inventors in any patent granted for the invention. I also direct that, in accordance with Rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning them as joint inventors be prepared for the published application for the patent.

Signed this 27 day of January 2000

BRENDAN CLEARY

Acting B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller

THE PATENT OFFICE