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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES Pioneer Electronic Corporation, Gen Inoshita and others

ISSUE Mention of additional inventor for patent number GB 2342025 under section 13(1)

HEARING OFFICER S M Williams

DECISION

1 Patents Form 7/77 names six inventors; Youichi Yamada, Takeaki Funada, Hiroyuki Isobe, Keitaro Kaburagi, Naomi Amemiya and Ko Atsumi.

2 Pioneer Electronic Corporation, the patent proprietor, has applied to have Gen Inoshita mentioned as a joint inventor in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act.

3 The named inventors have confirmed in writing that they consent to Gen Inoshita being named as a joint inventor. Gen Inoshita has also provided written confirmation that he agrees with the section 13(1) application. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Gen Inoshita was a joint inventor.

4 Accordingly I find that Gen Inoshita should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the granted patent. I also direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the published application and for the granted patent for the invention.

S M WILLIAMS
B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller