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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES	Seiko Epson Corporation, Satoru Hosono, Tomoaki Abe, Shuji Yonekubo, Minoru Usui and Masahiko Yoshida
ISSUE	Mention of additional inventors for patent number EP (UK) 0548984 under Section 13(1)
HEARING OFFICER	S M Williams

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**DECISION**

- 1 European Patent (UK) No. 0548984 names three inventors; Satoru Hosono, Tomoaki Abe and Shuji Yonekubo.
- 2 Seiko Epson Corporation, the patent proprietor, has now made an application in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that Minoru Usui and Masahiko Yoshida ought also to have been mentioned as joint inventors in the EP (UK) patent.
- 3 Each of the currently named inventors have confirmed in writing that they consent to the application. Minoru Usui and Masahiko Yoshida have also provided written consent. I therefore conclude that all the relevant parties are in agreement.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Minoru Usui and Masahiko Yoshida should also be mentioned as joint inventors in the granted EP (UK) patent and I direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning them as joint inventors be prepared for the granted patent for the invention.

**S M WILLIAMS**

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