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## PATENTS ACT 1977

**PARTIES** Hitachi, Ltd, Munetoshi Unuma, Shiro Nonaka,  
Shigeru Oho, Yoshiaki Usami, Tsutomu Nishioka,  
Tomo Yashiki and Katsuo Tashiro

**ISSUE** Mention of additional inventor for patent number  
EP(UK) 0816986

**HEARING OFFICER** Andrew Bushell

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## DECISION

- 1 European Patent (UK) No. 0816986 names three inventors: Munetoshi Unuma, Shiro Nonaka and Shigeru Oho.
- 2 The proprietor, Hitachi, Ltd, has filed an application in accordance with rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Yoshiaki Usami, Tsutomu Nishioka, Tomo Yashiki and Katsuo Tashiro should also have been named as joint inventors.
- 3 Munetoshi Unuma, Shiro Nonaka and Shigeru Oho have filed written consent in support of this application. For their part, Yoshiaki Usami, Tsutomu Nishioka, Tomo Yashiki and Katsuo Tashiro, have also confirmed in writing they should be named as joint inventors. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Yoshiaki Usami, Tsutomu Nishioka, Tomo Yashiki and Katsuo Tashiro should be named as joint inventors.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Yoshiaki Usami, Tsutomu Nishioka, Tomo Yashiki and Katsuo Tashiro should be mentioned as joint inventors in the granted EP (UK) patent and I direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning them as such be prepared for the granted patent for the invention.

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B3 Head of Litigation, acting for Comptroller