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## PATENTS ACT 1977

**PARTIES**                      Seiko Epson Corporation, Masato Shimada,  
Akira Matsuzawa, Yoshinao Miyata and  
Tsutomu Nishiwaki

**ISSUE**                         Mention of additional inventor for patent  
number EP (UK) 1101615 under section 13(1)

**HEARING OFFICER**         S M Williams

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## DECISION

- 1      European Patent (UK) 1101615 names three inventors; Masato Shimada, Akira Matsuzawa and Yoshinao Miyata.
- 2      Seiko Epson Corporation, the patent proprietor, has applied to have Tsutomu Nishiwaki mentioned as an additional joint inventor in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act.
- 3      The named inventors have confirmed in writing that they consent to Tsutomu Nishiwaki being named as a joint inventor. Written consent to the application has also been provided by Tsutomu Nishiwaki. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Tsutomu Nishiwaki was a joint inventor.
- 4      Accordingly I find that Tsutomu Nishiwaki should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the granted patent and I direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning Tsutomu Nishiwaki as a joint inventor be prepared for the granted patent for the invention.

**S M WILLIAMS**

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller