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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES Sumitomo Rubber Industries Ltd, Kiyoto Maruoka,
Jun Nishibayashi and Noritoshi Nakagawa

ISSUE Whether Noritoshi Nakagawa should be mentioned
as a joint inventor in patent number GB 2371369
as a result of an application under Section 13(1)

HEARING OFFICER S M Williams

DECISION

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 names two inventors, Kiyoto Maruoka and Jun Nishibayashi.
- 2 Sumitomo Rubber Industries Ltd has now made an application under section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that Noritoshi Nakagawa ought also to have been mentioned as a joint inventor.
- 3 Both of the named inventors have confirmed in writing that they consent to the application. Akihiro Takeuchi, General Manager of Intellectual Property for Sumitomo Rubber Industries Ltd, has also confirmed in writing that Noritoshi Nakagawa should be named as a joint inventor. For his part, Noritoshi Nakagawa has confirmed in writing that he should be named as a joint inventor and that he consents to the application. I therefore conclude that all the relevant parties agree that Noritoshi Nakagawa should be named as a joint inventor.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Noritoshi Nakagawa should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the published patent application and granted patent for the invention and I direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the published patent application and granted patent for the invention.

S M WILLIAMS

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