

PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES ABB Research Ltd, Sean Keeping,
Roger Arnold, Martin Ashford, Steve
Eeles and others

ISSUE Mention of additional inventors for patent
application number GB 2419502
under Section 13(1)

HEARING OFFICER S M Williams

DECISION

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 names four inventors: Charlotte Skourup, Juha Kestila, John Pretlove and Geoff Selley.
- 2 ABB Research Ltd, the patent applicant, has now made an application under rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Sean Keeping, Roger Arnold, Martin Ashford and Steve Eeles should also have been named as joint inventors in the published patent application.
- 3 Each of the named inventors has provided written consent to the application. For their part, Sean Keeping, Roger Arnold, Martin Ashford and Steve Eeles have also confirmed in writing that they consent to the application and to each other being named as joint inventors. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Sean Keeping, Roger Arnold, Martin Ashford and Steve Eeles should also be named as joint inventors.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Sean Keeping, Roger Arnold, Martin Ashford and Steve Eeles should also be mentioned as joint inventors in any patent granted for the invention. I also direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning them as joint inventors be prepared for the published patent application for the invention.

S M WILLIAMS

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller