



16 December 2008

**PATENTS ACT 1977**

**PARTIES** Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha,  
Yoshinori Ishikawa, Akio Sato, Steffen  
Nowotny and Siegfried Scharek

**ISSUE** Mention of additional inventors for patent  
number EP (UK) 1620224  
under Section 13(1)

**HEARING OFFICER** S M WILLIAMS

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**DECISION**

- 1 European Patent (UK) No. 1620224 names two inventors; Yoshinori Ishikawa and Akio Sato.
- 2 Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha, the patent proprietor, has made an application under section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that Steffen Nowotny and Siegfried Scharek should also be named as joint inventors. The application has been taken as filed under rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 and Patents Form 2 has been amended accordingly with agreement of the patent proprietor.
- 3 Each of the two named inventors has filed written consent in support of the application. For their part, Steffen Nowotny and Siegfried Scharek have also filed written consent and have confirmed in writing that they should be named as joint inventors. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Steffen Nowotny and Siegfried Scharek should be named as joint inventors.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Steffen Nowotny and Siegfried Scharek should be mentioned as joint inventors, along with Yoshinori Ishikawa and Akio Sato, 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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