



30 July 2009

**PATENTS ACT 1977**

**PARTIES** Hitachi Ltd, Japan Railway Construction,  
Transport and Technology Agency,  
Mitsuyosi Fukuda, Takahito Matsuki  
and others

**ISSUE** Mention of additional inventors for  
patent number GB 2440765  
under Section 13(1)

**HEARING OFFICER** S M WILLIAMS

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**DECISION**

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 names four inventors: Haruhiko Onuma, Noriharu Amiya, Tamio Okutani and Nobuyuki Nakamura.
- 2 Hitachi Ltd and the Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency, the joint patent proprietors, have now made an application under rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Mitsuyosi Fukuda and Takahito Matsuki should also have been named as joint inventors.
- 3 Written consent to the application has been provided by Haruhiko Onuma, Noriharu Amiya, Tamio Okutani and Nobuyuki Nakamura. For their part, Mitsuyosi Fukuda and Takahito Matsuki have filed a joint declaration to the effect that they should also be named as joint inventors. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Mitsuyosi Fukuda and Takahito Matsuki should be named as joint inventors.

- 4 Accordingly I find that Mitsuyosi Fukuda and Takahito Matsuki should be mentioned as joint inventors in the published patent application and granted patent for the invention and I direct, in accordance with rule 10(1), that an addendum slip mentioning them as joint inventors be prepared for the published patent application and granted patent for the invention.

**S M WILLIAMS**

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for Comptroller