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PARTIES Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd, Yazaki Corporation, Hirofumi Takei, Hiroshi Miyazawa, Kentaro Asai, Takayoshi Endo and Takaya Kondo

ISSUE Mention of additional inventors for patent number EP(UK) 1643015

HEARING OFFICER A R BUSHELL

DECISION

1 European Patent (UK) No. 1643015 names three inventors: Hirofumi Takei, Hiroshi Miyazawa and Kentaro Asai. The patent proprietors are Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd and Yazaki Corporation.

2 Takayoshi Endo and Takaya Kondo have filed an application in accordance with rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that they should also have been named as joint inventors.

3 Hirofumi Takei, Hiroshi Miyazawa and Kentaro Asai have all filed written consent in support of the application. The patent proprietors, Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd and Yazaki Corporation, have also confirmed in writing that Takayoshi Endo and Takaya Kondo should be named as joint inventors. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Takayoshi Endo and Takaya Kondo should be named as joint inventors.

4 Accordingly I find that Takayoshi Endo and Takaya Kondo should be mentioned as joint inventors 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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