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PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES

Marcus David Shelby, Eastman
Chemical Company, Wesley Raymond
Hale, Thomas Joseph Pecorini, Mark
Edward Stewart, Martin Emerson
Rogers, Spencer Allen Gilliam, Michael
Duane Clifton, Emmett Dudley
Crawford, David Scott Porter and Gary
Wayne Connell

ISSUE

Mention of additional inventor for patent
number EP (UK) 1901871 under Section
13(1)

HEARING OFFICER

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DECISION

- 1 European Patent (UK) No. 1901871 names nine inventors: Wesley Raymond Hale, Thomas Joseph Pecorini, Mark Edward Stewart, Martin Emerson Rogers, Spencer Allen Gilliam, Michael Duane Clifton, Emmett Dudley Crawford, David Scott Porter and Gary Wayne Connell. The patent proprietor is Eastman Chemical Company.
- 2 Eastman Chemical Company has filed an application in accordance with rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Marcus David Shelby should have been named as a joint inventor.
- 3 In support of the application it has been pointed out that the European Patent has been updated. It shows that Mr Shelby has been named as an inventor in respect of patent number EP 1901871. Confirmation that Mr Shelby contributed to the invention covered by German Patent No. 602006003663.9-08 (the German part of the European patent published under EP 1901871), has been filed by each of the inventors mentioned above. Each of them confirmed they consent to the designation of Mr Shelby as an additional joint inventor in the register of the German Patent and Trademark Office.

- 4 In view of the consent filed and the fact that the European patents register has already been amended to show Mr Shelby as a joint inventor in respect of patent number EP 1901871, I therefore find that he should also be mentioned as a joint inventor in respect of patent number EP (UK) 1901871. In accordance with rule 10(1), I direct that an addendum slip mentioning Marcus David Shelby as a joint inventor be prepared for the granted patent for the invention.

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B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for Comptroller