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## PATENTS ACT 1977

PARTIES	Bidachem S.p.A., Carlo Bombarda, Enrica Dubini, Antoine Ezhaya and Heinrich Schneider
ISSUE	Mention of additional inventor for patent number EP (UK) 1414816 under Section 13(1)
HEARING OFFICER	S M Williams

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## DECISION

- 1 European Patent (UK) No. 1414816 derives from European Patent Application No. 02767277.3, itself deriving from International Patent Application No. PCT/EP02/08466, which claims priority from European Patent Application Nos 01118593.1 and 01130180.1. The original PCT application named three inventors; Carlo Bombarda, Enrica Dubini and Antoine Ezhaya.
- 2 Bidachem S.p.A., the patent proprietors, have now made an application in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act to the effect that Heinrich Schneider ought also to have been mentioned as an inventor. Heinrich Schneider is deceased. The application has been filed as the patent proprietors and the three joint inventors wish to acknowledge the contribution he made to the invention before he died.
- 3 In support of the application, the patent proprietors have filed a document entitled Declaration of Inventorship with Assignment. This has been signed by the patent proprietors and each of the named inventors and confirms that all parties are in agreement that Heinrich Schneider should be named as a joint inventor in the granted EP (UK) patent. The document is also signed by Margarete Schneider, the legal heir and widow of Heinrich Schneider. I therefore conclude that the relevant parties agree that Heinrich Schneider should also be named as an inventor.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Heinrich Schneider should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the granted EP (UK) patent and I direct, in accordance with rule 14(5), that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the granted patent for the invention.

**S M WILLIAMS**

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