

05 November 2012

**PATENTS ACT 1977**

**PARTIES** Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., L McDonald  
Schetky, Craig D Johnson, Matthew R Hackworth,  
Patrick W Bixenman and Peter Besselink

**ISSUE** Mention of additional inventor for patent numbers  
GB2368082, GB2379692, GB2379693, GB2379690,  
and GB2379691 under Section 13(1)

**HEARING OFFICER** A R BUSHELL

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**DECISION**

- 1 Patents Form 7/77 in respect of patent numbers GB2368082, GB2379692, GB2379693, GB2379690 and GB2379691 names four inventors: L McDonald Schetky, Craig D Johnson, Matthew R Hackworth and Patrick W Bixenman.
- 2 Halliburton Energy Services, Inc, the patent proprietor, has now made an application under rule 10(2) of the Patents Rules 2007 to the effect that Peter Besselink should also have been named as a joint inventor on these patents.
- 3 The patent proprietors were unable to obtain consent documents from the inventors to effect the change. In the absence of consent from Peter Besselink, L McDonald Schetky, Craig D Johnson, Matthew R Hackworth and Patrick W Bixenman, the Office wrote to them allowing a period of six weeks to file a counter-statement should they wish to oppose the application. No response was received from Peter Besselink, Craig Johnson, Matthew R Hackworth or Patrick W Bixenman. The letter addressed to L McDonald Schetky was returned to the office marked "Return to Sender".
- 4 The Office contacted the proprietor and requested an updated address for L McDonald Schetky which the proprietor provided in their letter dated 13 August 2012. The application under rule 10(2) was re-served to L McDonald Schetky at the new address allowing him a period of six weeks to file a counter - statement should he wish to oppose the applications. No response was received.
- 5 As no response was received from Peter Besselink, Craig Johnson, Matthew R Hackworth, Patrick W Bixenman and L McDonald Schetky the application is treated as unopposed. In view of the fact that Peter Besselink, Craig Johnson, Matthew R Hackworth, Patrick W Bixenman and L McDonald Schetky have failed to file a

response, I therefore consider the application to be unopposed and find that Peter Besselink should be mentioned as a joint inventor in the published patent applications and granted patents for the inventions. I also direct, in accordance with rule 14(5) that an addendum slip be prepared for the published patent applications and granted patents for these inventions to mention Peter Besselink as a joint inventor.

**A R BUSHELL**

B3 Head of Litigation Section, acting for the Comptroller