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IN THE MATTER OF an application under Section 13(1) by Keith Harris in respect of patent application number GB 0125007.5 in the name of Qual-Chem Ltd

## DECISION

- 1 Following the international phase of international patent application number PCT/GB00/03578, patent application number GB 0125007.5 entered the national phase in the UK and was subsequently published as GB 2363635. The original PCT application named one inventor, Stephen David Bray.
- 2 Keith Harris has now applied to be mentioned as a joint inventor in accordance with Section 13(1) of the Act.
- 3 As Managing Director of Qual-Chem Ltd, Keith Harris has confirmed in writing that the application under Section 13(1) is supported by the patent applicants, Qual-Chem Ltd. Stephen Bray has also confirmed in writing that he supports the application. I therefore conclude that all relevant parties agree that Keith Harris was a joint inventor.
- 4 Accordingly I find that Keith Harris should be mentioned as a joint inventor in any patent granted for the invention. I also direct in accordance with Rule 14(5) that an addendum slip mentioning him as a joint inventor be prepared for the published application of the patent.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2002.

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