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PARTIES	Graham Packaging Company, L.P., K. Murali Akkapeddi, Brian A. Lynch and Timothy Schnetzka
ISSUE	Whether a certificate should be issued in accordance with section 13(3) to the effect that Timothy Schnetzka should not have been mentioned as inventor for patent number EP(UK)2850128
HEARING OFFICER	Susan Eaves

DECISION

1 European Patent (UK) No. 2850128 names three inventors: K. Murali Akkapeddi, Brian A. Lynch and Timothy Schnetzka.

2 Graham Packaging Company, L. P., the patent proprietor, has filed an application under section 13(3) to the effect that Timothy Schnetzka should not have been mentioned as a joint inventor.

3 K. Murali Akkapeddi and Brian A. Lynch, the currently named inventors have confirmed in writing that they consent to the application. Timothy Schnetzka has also confirmed in writing that he ought not to have been named as a joint inventor in respect of patent EP(UK)2850128.

4 As such the application is treated as uncontested. I therefore conclude that Timothy Schnetzka should be removed from the list of inventors. I also direct, that an addendum slip be prepared for granted patent EP(UK)2850128 to reflect this finding.

5 This decision serves as a certificate, issued in accordance with section 13(3), to the effect that Timothy Schnetzka should not have been mentioned as an inventor in the granted patent.

SUSAN EAVES
B3 Tribunals Technical Co-ordinator, acting for the Comptroller