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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

STEVEN LEE **STAFFORD**, RONALD RICHARD LIGHT,  
LOUIS THOMAS GERMINARIO and EMERSON ESTON SHARPE, Jr.,

Junior Party  
(Application 10/105,488),

v.

WALTER LEE **EDWARDS** and ROBERT JOSEPH SCHIAVONE,

Senior Party  
(Patent 6,500,890 B2).

Patent Interference No. 105,321 McK

Before: McKELVEY, Senior Administrative Patent Judge, and  
SCHAFFER and MOORE, Administrative Patent Judges.

McKELVEY, Senior Administrative Patent Judge.

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**FINAL JUDGMENT**

Upon consideration of a document styled JOINT REQUEST FOR  
ADVERSE JUDGMENT (Paper 70; filed 23 June 2006), it is

ORDERED that the joint request is granted.

FURTHER ORDERED that, in view of the prior art cited in  
the Board's order entered 22 February 2006 (Paper 56), junior  
party STEVEN LEE STAFFORD, RONALD RICHARD LIGHT, LOUIS THOMAS  
GERMINARIO, EMERSON ESTON SHARPE, Jr., and Eastman Chemical

1 Company is not entitled to a patent containing claims 59-62 of  
2 application 10/105,488, filed 25 March 2002.

3 FURTHER ORDERED that, in view of the prior art cited in  
4 the Board's order entered 22 February 2006 (Paper 56), senior  
5 party WALTER LEE EDWARDS, ROBERT JOSEPH SCHIAVONE and Wellman,  
6 Inc. is not entitled to a patent containing claims 1-4 and 9-10  
7 of U.S. Patent 6,500,890, issued 31 December 2002.

8 FURTHER ORDERED that the count (Count 2--Paper 31,  
9 page 3) does not become prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(g) as to  
10 either party inasmuch as there has been no priority determination  
11 in this interference.

12 FURTHER ORDERED that each party, at its option, may  
13 undertake further ex parte prosecution for the purpose of  
14 attempting to obtain claims patentable over the prior art,  
15 including the prior art cited in the Board's order entered  
16 22 February 2006 (Paper 56).

17 FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this paper shall be  
18 made of record in files of application 10/105,488 and U.S.  
19 Patent 6,500,890.



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