

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte GAELLE CHEVALIER,
JOHANNES EDUARD IRENE MARIE JOZefa CLERINX,
ERIC-JACK GERARD, LAURENCE VAN HERZEELE,
and HILDE VERSTRAETE

Appeal 2008-3205
Application 10/776,811
U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0192795 A1
Technology Center 1700

Decided: June 12, 2008

Before: FRED E. McKELVEY, *Senior Administrative Patent Judge*,
and SALLY GARDNER LANE and SALLY C. MEDLEY, *Administrative
Patent Judges*.

McKELVEY, *Senior Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION ON APPEAL

1 **A. Statement of the case**

2 Shell Oil Company [Shell], the real party in interest, seeks review
3 under 35 U.S.C. § 134(a). We have jurisdiction under 35 U.S.C. § 6(b).

4 The application on appeal was filed on 11 February 2004.

5 While the appeal was pending, Shell filed an express abandonment of
6 the application on appeal.

1 A copy of the express abandonment was received by the Clerk on
2 29 May 2008.

3 In view of the express abandonment, the issues on appeal have
4 become moot.

5 **B. Decision**

6 Upon consideration of the express abandonment, and for the reasons
7 given, it is

8 ORDERED that the appeal is *dismissed*.
9 DISMISSED.

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