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Dear Sirs

### **Patents Act 1977: UK Patent Application GB1018849.8**

It has come to my attention that the Office has made some errors in the handling of the above patent application.

The application was filed in the name of Mr Paul Davidson, but an assignment was registered on 13 April 2011 transferring ownership to Coupling Solutions LLC.

When, subsequently, a Form 51 was filed on 4 May which appointed Albright Patents LLP as agent for Mr Davidson, we should have identified that Mr Davidson was no longer the registered applicant. It follows that we should not have actioned the withdrawal request that was made by Albright Patents on the same day. I apologise for the Office's mistaken handling, and for the confusion caused by subsequent correspondence.

When the Office commits a procedural irregularity there are powers available under rule 107 of the Patents Rules 2007 to rectify that irregularity.

In this case, the Office is willing to exercise its discretion under rule 107 in order to resuscitate the application. Since the application has not been published, there will be no need for third party terms to be imposed. The application will therefore once

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again be a live application in the name of Coupling Solutions LLC.

I am aware that the time period for filing the Patents Form 9A and abstract expires on 8 November 2011. Given the circumstances, the Office is also prepared to extend this period by one month under rule 107, to 8 December 2011.

Therefore, I would be grateful if by **8 December 2011** you would:

- (i) confirm whether you wish the application to be resuscitated, and
- (ii) file the Patents Form 9A and abstract.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Albright Patents LLP.

If you have any need to discuss, please do contact me directly.

Yours faithfully

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