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Plaintiff(s) & Defendants(s)	Date Of Hearing	SRIS code No.
Nampak Plastics Europe Limited -and- Alpla UK Limited		C/072/14
Actavis Group PTC EHF -and- Pharmacia LLC	07 July 2014	C/073/14
(1) Rovi Solutions Corporation (a company incorporated in the state of California, USA) (2) United Video Properties, Inc (a company incorporated in state of Delaware, USA) -and- (1) Virgin Media Limited (2) Virgin Media Payments Limited (3) Tivo Inc (a company Incorporated in the state of Delaware, USA)		C/074/14
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<p>Eli Lilly and company  -and-  Human genome Sciences Inc.</p>	09 May and 04 June 2014	C/077/14
<p>AGA Medical Corporation  -and-  Occlutech (UK) Limited</p>	07-11 & 14-15 October 2013	C/078/14
<p>Adaptive Spectrum and Signal Alignment, Inc  -and-  British Telecom Communications Plc</p>		C/079/14
<p>Victor Ifejika  -and-  (1) Charles Ifejika  (2) Lens Care Limited</p>	17 June 2014	C/080/14

## **Changes to the delivery of patent documents**

From 27 September 2014, the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) will cease to automatically supply cited patent documents with the search report. However, we will supply one copy of patent documents on request, and will continue to supply any cited non-patent literature as a matter of course, free of charge. When requesting a search you will be able to indicate your wish to receive a free single copy of any cited patents documents, but will no longer be able to order extra copies. The electronic online filing systems and Patents Form 9A will be updated to facilitate the changes with effect from the above date.

The changes reflect the concerns regarding difficulties in obtaining non-patent literature free of charge and the availability of patent documents to private applicants which were expressed when our customers were consulted. These changes will enable the IPO to streamline its internal procedures and reduce the amount of printed material generated by the patents granting process.

## Consent to Share

The consent to share boxes are being removed from the Patents Forms 9A and 10 on 27th September. From that date onwards the Forms (and eolf/webf systems) will no longer ask applicants whether or not they consent to us passing the results of the search/examination to another patent office prior to publication of their UK patent application.

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Further details available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-patents-worksharing-business-guidance>

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***This notice seeks to inform applicants and practitioners of the method the Intellectual Property Office recommends for withdrawing patent applications.***

### **Background**

Any request to withdraw an application is always an important action and is dealt with as quickly as possible in the Office. However, quick action in the Office becomes *crucial* when a withdrawal request is received for an application which is soon to be published. We of course wish to avoid erroneous publication.

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- writing to the Office

We ***highly recommend*** that the email option be used, as this will ensure that the request is dealt with quickly by a dedicated team of staff. Full details of this service can be found at <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-direction-withdrawal.htm>.

### **Notifying the Office of withdrawal in time to prevent publication**

An application for withdrawal in time to prevent publication must be received in this Office by 23:59 on the day before preparations for publication are complete (the *PPC date*). The official letter notifying applicants of the PPC date for their application will only be received 2 or 3 days prior to the PPC date. That leaves a very short time in which to notify the Office of withdrawal. If the email message or written notification is not received by 23:59 on the day before the PPC date, it will be too late to prevent publication.

Therefore the earlier applicants and practitioners can make decisions about withdrawal and notify the Office, the better.

Further guidance on withdrawal of patent applications can be found at:

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