

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent of FRAZIER	§	
	§	Petition for <i>Inter Partes</i> Review
U.S. Patent No. 8,459,346	§	
	§	Attorney Docket No.: 2700032-5
Issued: June 11, 2013	§	
	§	Customer No.: 27683
Title: BOTTOM SET	§	
DOWNHOLE PLUG	§	Real Party in Interest: McClinton Energy Group, L.L.C.

Declaration of Dr. Gary R. Wooley

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.68

I, Gary R. Wooley, do hereby declare:

1. I am making this declaration at the request of McClinton Energy Group L.L.C., in the matter of the *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No 8,459,346 (“the ‘346 Patent”) to Frazier.
2. I am being compensated for my work in this matter. My compensation in no way depends upon the outcome of this proceeding.
3. In the preparation of this declaration, I have studied:
 - (1) The ‘346 Patent, Exhibit 1001;
 - (2) The prosecution history of the ‘346 Patent, Exhibit 1002;
 - (3) U.S. Patent No. 8,079,413 (the “‘413 Patent”), Exhibit 1003;

- (4) District Court's Markman Order for '346 Patent terms (Dkt. No. 249), Ex. 1004.
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,796,376 (the "'376 Patent"), Exhibit 1005;
- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0151722 to Lehr et al. ("Lehr"), Exhibit 1006;
- (7) Alpha Oil Tools Catalog ("Alpha"), Exhibit 1007;
- (8) Clean version of Alpha instructions for wireline equipment, Exhibit 1008;
- (9) Clean version of Alpha Standard Frac Plug, Exhibit 1009;
- (10) Clean version of Alpha Model "A" Ball Check Cement Retainer, Exhibit 1010;
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 4,595,052 to Kristiansen ("Kristiansen"), Exhibit 1011;
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 4,437,516 to Cockrell et al. ("Cockrell"), Exhibit 1012;
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 6,708,768 to Slup et al. ("Slup"), Exhibit 1013;
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 7,350,582 to McKeachnie et al. ("McKeachnie"), Exhibit 1014;
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 5,224,540 to Streich et al. ("Streich"), Exhibit 1015;
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 3,094,166 to McCullough ("McCullough"), Exhibit

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- (17) U.S. Patent No. 3,473,609 to Allen ("Allen"), Exhibit 1017;
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 7,185,700 to Collins et al. ("Collins"), Exhibit 1018;
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 7,021,389 to Bishop et al. ("Bishop"), Exhibit 1019;
- (20) U.S. Patent No. 2,714,932 to Thompson ("Thompson"), Exhibit 1020;
- (21) U.S. Patent No. 6,902,006 to Myerley et al. ("Myerley"), Exhibit 1021;
- (22) U.S. Patent No. 7,428,922 to Fripp et al. ("Fripp"), Exhibit 1022;
- (23) U.S. Patent No. 7,762,323 to Frazier ("323 Patent"), Exhibit 1023;
- (24) MEA Winners: Remediation, Individual Equipment: Python Composite Bridge Plug, Harts E&P (April 2003) ("Python Composite Article"), Exhibit 1024;
- (25) Baker Hughes youtube video of fracking process, Exhibit 1025; and
- (26) October 24, 2011 Examiner's Comment in '413 Patent File History, Exhibit 1027.

4. In forming the opinions expressed below, I have considered:

- (1) The documents listed above,
- (2) The relevant legal standards, including the standard for obviousness provided in *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex, Inc.*, 550 U.S. 398 (2007), and any additional authoritative documents as cited in the body of this

declaration, and

(3) My knowledge and experience based upon my work in this area as described below.

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