


Exhibit 8.13

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that, pursuant to Section 8.13(c) of the Stock Purchase Agreement, made as of the 4th day of September, 1986 (the "Stock Purchase Agreement"), by and among Diamond Shamrock corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Seller"), Occidental Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, Occidental Chemical Holding Corporation, a California corporation, and Oxy-Diamond Alkali Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Buyer"), each of Buyer and Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company, a Delaware corporation, hereby appoints, subject to the provisions of Sections 8.13 and 8.14 of the Stock Purchase Agreement, Seller its true and lawful attorney in fact, for it in its name, place and stead, to perform all acts and to execute all documents relating to the maintenance and administration of the Existing Policies (as defined in the Stock Purchase Agreement) and to pursue in its name in any reasonable manner which Seller deems expedient any claim, including without limitation, any Existing Claim (as defined in the Stock Purchase Agreement), against any Current Carrier (as defined in the Stock Purchase Agreement) under any of the Existing Policies with respect to a matter for which Seller has liability directly or pursuant to the provisions of the Stock Purchase Agreement.

Dated: September 4, 1986


OXY-DIAMOND ALKALI CORPORATION

By:


Name: R. B. Casriel
Title: Vice President & Treasurer

DIAMOND SHAMROCK CHEMICALS
COMPANY

By:


Name: James F. Kelley
Title: Senior Vice President