UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 00-50552

JAMES MERCEREAU,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

VERSUS

KENNAMETAL INC.,

Defendant-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court For the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division

(99-CV-125)

July 16, 2001

Before EMILIO M. GARZA, PARKER, Circuit Judges, and HINOJOSA, District Judge.*

PER CURTAM: **

After reviewing the briefs, the record and the arguments of counsel, we affirm for essentially the reasons set contained in Judge Melançon's February 2, 2000 Memorandum Ruling.

AFFIRMED

^{*}District Judge of the Southern District of Texas sitting by designation.

^{**}Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the Court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.