WE CLAIM:

1. A method for making an epoxidation catalyst comprising a support, silver, manganese and ~~greater than 35 ppm~~ sodium, comprising:

impregnating the support with manganese prior to impregnating the support with sodium;

impregnating the support with silver prior to, at the same time as or after impregnation with manganese.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the manganese is impregnated into the support at the same time as at least a portion of the silver.

~~3. The method of claim 1, wherein the catalyst further comprises at least one alkali metal and/or promoter in addition to sodium and manganese.~~

4<u>3</u>. The method of claim ~~3~~<u>1</u>, ~~wherein the at least one additional alkali metal and/or promoter comprises~~<u>wherein the catalyst further comprises</u> rhenium, cesium, sulfate or combinations of these.

~~5~~<u>4</u>. The method of claim 1, wherein the manganese comprises Mn-EDTA complex.

~~6. The method of claim 4, wherein the at least one additional alkali metal and/or promoter comprises rhenium.~~

~~7~~5. The method of claim 1, wherein the catalyst is exposed to an elevated temperature ranging from 200°C to~~not exceeding~~ 600°C between impregnating the support with manganese and impregnating the support with sodium.

~~8~~6. The method of claim ~~7~~5, wherein the elevated temperature ranges from 300°C to ~~does not exceed~~ 400°C.

~~9~~7. The method of claim 43, wherein the manganese and at least a portion of the silver are deposited in a first impregnation and the sodium, cesium, lithium, rhenium, sulfate and a second portion of silver are deposited in a second impregnation.

~~10~~8. A method for making an epoxidation catalyst comprising a support, silver, manganese and ~~greater than 35 ppm~~ sodium, comprising:

a first step of impregnating the support with manganese ~~separately from sodium~~ and exposing the catalyst ~~in between impregnations~~ to an elevated temperature ranging from 200°C to ~~not exceeding~~ 600°C; and
a second step of impregnating the support with sodium after the first step.

~~11~~9. The method of claim ~~10~~8, wherein the elevated temperature ranges from 300°C to ~~does not exceed~~ 400°C.

~~12~~10. The method of claim ~~10~~8, wherein the ~~sodium~~ silver is impregnated into the support prior to, at the same time as, or after ~~at least a portion of the silver prior to~~ the impregnation of manganese.

~~13. The method of claim 12, wherein the sodium and silver are impregnated into the support at the same time as at least one other alkali metal and/or promoter.~~

~~14~~11. The method of claim ~~10 or 13~~8, wherein the manganese ~~and at least a portion of the silver are~~is impregnated into the support at the same time as at a portion of the silver ~~least one other alkali metal and/or promoter~~.

~~15~~12. The method of claim ~~14~~11, wherein the catalyst further comprises ~~wherein the at least one other alkali metal and/or promoter comprises~~ cesium, rhenium, lithium, sulfate or combinations of these.