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INSERT TITLE OF INVENTION:

have invented certain new and useful improvements in: PROCESS FOR INSOLUBILIZING AND CONSOLIDATING SPENT LININGS FROM HALL-HEROULT ELECTROLYSIS CELLS,

INSERT DATE INVENTORS SIGNED DECLARATION:

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on January 21, 1998 and January 23, 1998

(Application No. 08/977,537, filed November 25, 1997), and

INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY OR OTHER ASSIGNEE:

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