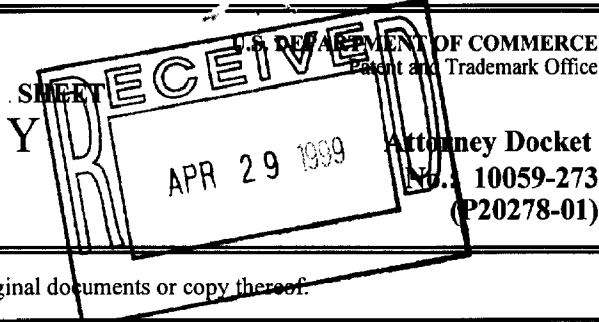


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certain new and useful Nickel positive electrode for alkaline
storage batteries and method for producing the same

for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of
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ASSIGNOR authorizes ASSIGNEE or ASSIGNEE's represen-
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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One
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