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Title of Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE TREATMENT OF LIGNOCELLULOSIC MATERIAL
Filing Date: June 10, 1999
Application No.: 09/319,840 ; and

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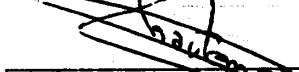
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