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have invented certain improvements in **METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR MODIFYING COUPLING FACILITY STRUCTURES**

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefore on

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