

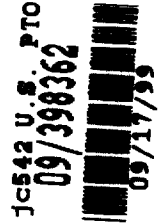
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have invented certain new and useful improvements in  
NICKEL COMPOSITE PARTICLE AND PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR

for which an application for United States Letters patent was  
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WHEREAS, (1) SHOEI CHEMICAL INC.

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