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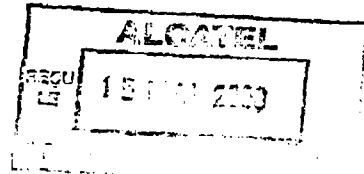
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AN OPTICAL FIBER HAVING AN OPTIMIZED RATIO BETWEEN EFFECTIVE AREA AND DISPERSION GRADIENT FOR WDM OPTICAL FIBER TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS

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