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have invented certain new and useful improvements in

METHOD FOR PREPARING METAL POWDER

for which an application for United States Letters patent was  
signed by us on April 2, 2001.

WHEREAS, (1) SHOEI CHEMICAL INC.

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