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respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

Production of a textile floorcovering having more than one layer, using
an aqueous polymer dispersion as adhesive

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on
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(Application No. 09/926,109, filed September 4, 2001), and

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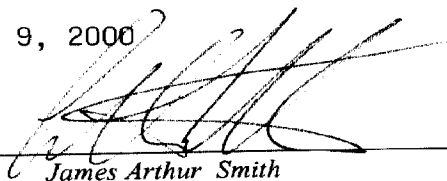
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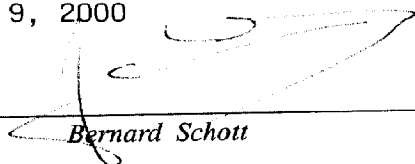
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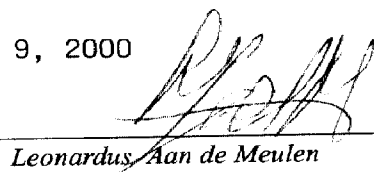
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