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respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

Process for the preparation of surfactant alcohols and surfactant alcohol ethers, the prepared products and their use

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on July 26, 2001

(Application No. 09/926,168, filed September 18, 2001), and

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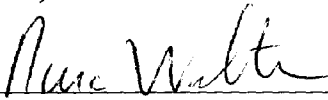
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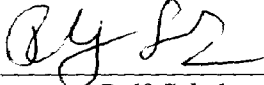
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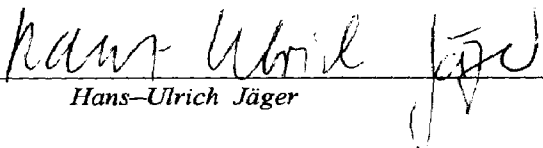
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