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as assignor(s), have made an invention entitled:

**Use of starch dispersions as binder in coating compositions and process for preparing the starch dispersions**

for which I/we have:

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- (b) executed an application for United States Letters Patent on and respectively; and

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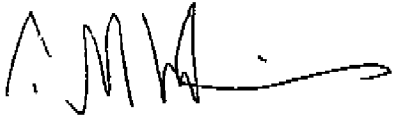
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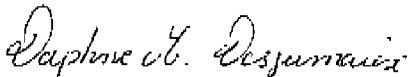
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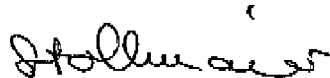
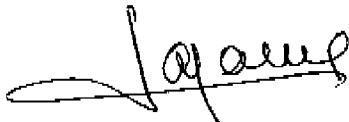


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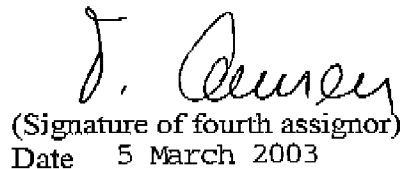
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