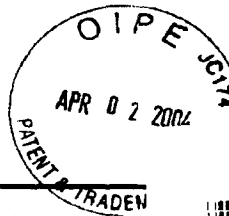


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Jagdish P. SINGH, 202 Setter Lane, Starkville, MS 39759; and

Christopher B. WINSTEAD, 6 Maywood Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.

, respectively,

have invented certain new and useful improvements in: Moisture Sensor Based

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for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on even date herewith

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