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**METHODS OF PREPARING POLYMER NANOCOMPOSITE
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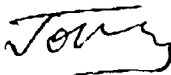
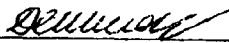
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In witness whereof, I/we have signed my/our name(s) on the day and year set forth below.

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