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# LOW FRICTION AND LOW WEAR POLYMER/POLYMER COMPOSITES

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Not applicable. [0001]

#### STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

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#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to polymer/polymer composites, more specifically to low wear [0003] polymer/polymer composites.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Solid lubrication offers many benefits over conventional oil-based hydrodynamic and [0004] boundary lubrication. Solid lubrication systems are generally more compact and less costly than oil lubricated systems since pumps, lines, filters and reservoirs are usually required in oil lubricated systems. Greases can contaminate the product of the system being lubricated, making it undesirable for food processing and both grease and oil outgas in vacuum precluding their use in space applications. One of the primary goals of a solid lubricant is obtaining low friction.

Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) is known by the trade name TEFLON®. PTFE is [0005] well known as a low friction material and has thus received much attention for use as a solid

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