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In re Appln. of: Chamberlain et al.

Appln. No.: 12/672,351

I.A. Filing Date: August 7, 2008

U.S. Filing Date: February 5, 2010

For: Atmospheric Acid Leach Process for Laterites

Attorney Docket No.: 13313/122 (FF44862/10)

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Execution Date(s):

**Inventor: Anthony Charles Chamberlain: April 16, 2010**

**Inventor: Chad James Otto Czerny: April 19, 2010**

**Inventor: Houyuan Liu: February 11, 2010**

**Inventor: Harald Theowald Muller: April 9, 2010**

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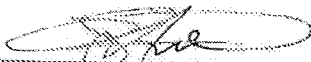
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