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on the invention entitled

"NICKEL MIXED HYDROXIDE, METHOD FOR THE PRODUCING THE SAME, AND THE USE THEREOF AS A CATHODE MATERIAL IN ALKALINE BATTERIES"

the specification of which is attached hereto,

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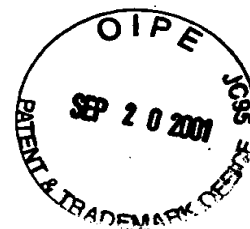
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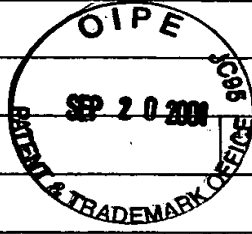


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