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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING PARTICLES, PARTICLES, AND SINTERED  
BODY

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

The present paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 13, 2009, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response until April 13, 2009.

Inasmuch as this paper is filed by or prior to the initial due date, this response is timely. However, if an extension of time is deemed necessary, this is an express request therefor and the undersigned authorizes the Office to charge any requisite fee to maintain the pendency of the application, including fees for extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks which follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.