

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0043] appearing on page 10 of the Specification with the following paragraph presenting the text more clearly:

[0043]

Preferred examples of the first substance include substances each containing as a main ingredient, at least either phosphorus oxide or phosphoric acid ester. Such a substance can easily react with the second substance in the solvent so that an amorphous reaction product is more efficiently produced.

Please replace paragraph [0044] appearing on page 10 of the Specification with the following paragraph presenting the text more clearly:

[0044]

Specific examples of the phosphorus oxide include phosphorus suboxide, diphosphorus trioxide, diphosphorus tetroxide, and diphosphorus pentoxide. A specific example of the phosphoric acid ester includes triethyl phosphate.

Please replace paragraphs [0066] appearing on page 14 of the Specification with the following paragraphs presenting the text more clearly:

[0066]

An example of heat generated by chemical reaction includes heat generated by combustion or explosion of gunpowder.

Among these various methods for producing plasma, electric discharge methods are preferably used. Particularly, a high-frequency induction thermal plasma method is preferably

used. By using an electric discharge method (especially, a high-frequency induction thermal plasma method), it is possible to more efficiently turn an ambient gas into plasma and to easily set the temperature of an atmosphere to a high value, thereby enabling particles to be easily and reliably produced at low cost.