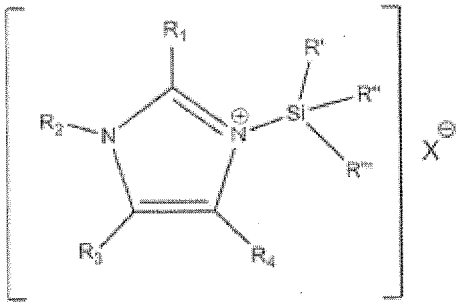
What is claimed is:

1. Use of a silylimidazolium salt complex represented by the following Formula I:



Formula I

wherein

R_1, R_3 and R_4 are substituents of the imidazole ring and R_1, R_3 and R_4 R_1-R_4 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy, or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group that forms a stable imidazole ring within the silylimidazolium salt complex; and wherein R_2 represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy, or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group that forms a stable imidazole ring within the silylimidazolium salt complex;

R', R" and R"" are substituents of the silyl functional group and R', R", and R"" each independently represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy, or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group that forms a stable silyl function group within the silylimidazolium salt complex; and

X^- is an anion which forms a stable salt complex with the silylimidazolium cation within the silyimidazolium salt complex wherein the anion X^- comprises a halide, $R\text{-}SO_3^-$, PF_6^-, or BR_4^- and wherein R represents a halide, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or CF_3^-,

as a latent catalyst for curing an epoxy resin.