CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A steam cracked tar composition which contains less than about 20 wt% asphaltenes as measured by ASTM D3279 and less than about 0.5 wt% toluene insolubles as measured by ASTM D893.

2. The composition of claim 1 which contains less than about 10 wt% asphaltenes as measured by ASTM D3279 and less than about 0.2 wt% toluene insolubles as measured by ASTM D893.

3. The composition of claim 1 which contains less than about 8 wt% asphaltenes as measured by ASTM D3279 and less than about 0.1 wt% toluene insolubles as measured by ASTM D893.

4. The composition of claim 1 that is a carbon black feedstock.

5. The composition of claim 1 that is a blending stock for fuels.

6. The composition of claim 1 that is a blending stock for atmospheric resid or vacuum resid fuels.

7. The composition of claim 1 which further comprises a blendstock selected from the group consisting of cat cracker bottoms, quench oil, steam cracked gas oil, atmospheric residuum, and vacuum residuum.

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1. A steam cracked tar composition which contains less than about 10 wt% asphaltenes as measured by ASTM D3279 and less than 0.1 wt% toluene insolubles as measured by ASTM D893 wherein the steam cracked tar composition has an initial boiling range from about 149°C to about 316°C.

2. The composition of claim 1 which contains less than about 8 wt% asphaltenes as measured by ASTM D3279 and less than about 0.1 wt% toluene insolubles as measured by ASTM D893.

3. The composition of claim 1 that is a carbon black feed-stock.

4. The composition of claim 1 that is a blending stock for fuels.

5. The composition of claim 1 that is a blending stock for atmospheric residuum or vacuum residuum fuels.

6. The composition of claim 1 which further comprises a blendstock selected from the group consisting of catalytic cracker bottoms, quench oil, steam cracked gas oil, atmospheric residuum, and vacuum residuum.