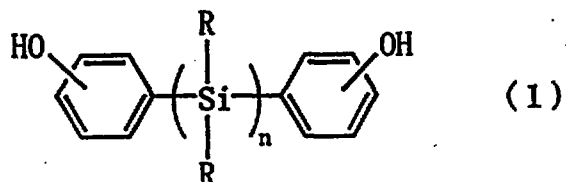


ABSTRACT

The invention is directed to a polysilane represented by the formula (1)



wherein R is hydrogen atom, alkyl group, aryl group, alkoxy  
5 group, amino group or silyl group, R's may be the same or  
at least two of them may be different from each other; each  
hydroxyl group is in the p-position or m-position; and n is  
2 to 10,000.

The polysilane of the invention is important as  
10 materials for modified polycarbonates or like engineering  
plastics, resists or electrophotographic photoreceptors.