

ABSTRACT**METHOD OF PREPARING NAPHTHALOCYANINES**

A method of preparing a naphthalocyanine is provided. The method comprises the steps of: (i) providing a tetrahydronaphthalic anhydride; (ii) converting said tetrahydronaphthalic anhydride to a benzoindolenine; and (iii) macrocyclizing said benzoindolenine to form a naphthalocyanine.

Fig. 1