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(54) Title: COMPOSITION AND METHOD TO REMOVE ASBESTOS (57) Abstract A composition for transforming a chrysotile asbestos-containing material into a non-asbestos material is disclosed, wherein the composition comprises water, at least about 30 % by weight of an inorganic acid, and from about 0.1 to about 4 % by weight of a hexafluorosilicate of ammonia, an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal. A method of transforming the asbestos-containing material into a non-asbestos material using the present composition also is disclosed.		