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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING SILANOL STOPPED OLIGOMERIC MATERIALS

(57) Abstract: A process for the production of linear Silanol stopped siloxanes comprising: a) conducting a ring opening polymerization of a hexaorganocyclotrisiloxane having the formula:  $D_3 = (R^1R^2SiO)_3$  where  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are independently selected from the group of one to forty carbon atom monovalent radicals, in a solvent comprising a mixture of water and a volatile polar aprotic organic solvent in the presence of catalytic amounts of a strong base; b) neutralizing the catalytic amount of the strong base with a partially neutralized salt of a polybasic acid wherein the pH ranges from about 6 to about 8; and c) washing with water.

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