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| <p>(54) Title: INCONSPICUOUS PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND METHOD FOR MAKING</p> <div data-bbox="375 1220 1204 1489" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A visually inconspicuous pavement marking material comprises a base sheet (12) having a top layer (15) with an upper surface with a plurality of skid-resistant granules (11) on the upper surface. Also a method for making such a visually inconspicuous pavement marking material. The skid-resistant granules (11) are selected from two or more color groups.</p>                                                                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |