CLAIMS

1. An orally acceptable zinc-containing film, comprising:

a zinc-containing compound;

one or more film forming polymers; and

an effective amount of a film stabilizing ingredient,

wherein the film stabilizing ingredient is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, titanium dioxide, and a mixture thereof; and wherein the zinc-containing compound is present at a concentration of greater than about 30% by weight.

~~2. The film of claim 1, wherein the film stabilizing ingredient is a charge stabilizing ingredient.~~

~~3~~2. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein the zinc-containing compound is present at a concentration of from about 30 to about 60% by weight.

~~4~~3. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein the zinc-containing compound is present at a concentration of from about 40 to about 55% by weight.

~~5~~4. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said zinc-containing compound is selected from the group consisting of: zinc oxide; zinc sulfate; zinc chloride; zinc citrate; zinc lactate; zinc gluconate; zinc malate; zinc tartrate; zinc carbonate; zinc phosphate; and a combination of two or more thereof.

~~6~~5. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said zinc-containing compound is zinc oxide or zinc citrate.

~~7~~6. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said zinc-containing compound is zinc oxide.

~~8~~7. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein the film stabilizing ingredient is polyethylene glycol or titanium dioxide.

~~9~~8. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein at least one of said one or more film forming polymers is a cellulose polymer.

~~10~~9. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein the cellulose polymer is a hydroxyalkyl methyl cellulose.

~~11~~10. The film of anyone of the preceding claims, wherein the zinc-containing compound is zinc oxide, the film stabilizing ingredient is polyethylene glycol or titanium dioxide, and the cellulose polymer is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

~~12~~11. An oral care composition comprising:

the film of anyone of the preceding claims; and

an orally acceptable carrier.

~~13~~12. A method of increasing the stability of a zinc-containing film, comprising:

a) mixing an effective amount of a film stabilizing ingredient with a zinc-containing compound to form a mixture;

b) slurrying the mixture of step a) with one or more film forming polymers to form a slurry; and

c) casting the slurry into a film,

wherein the film comprises greater than about 30%, by weight, of the zinc-containing compound, and wherein the film stabilizing ingredient is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, titanium dioxide, and a mixture thereof.

~~14. The method of claim 13, wherein the film stabilizing ingredient is a charge stabilizing ingredient.~~

~~15~~13. The method of claim ~~13 or claim 14~~12, further comprising the step of cutting or punching the film to form film flakes, fragments or strips.