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## (57) Abstract

A depilatory composition has improved rinsing properties by the inclusion of a thixotropic agent. Preferred thixotropic agents are smectite clays, in particular Laponite.