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(54) Title: LUBRICATING GREASE COMPOSITION AND PREPARATION (57) Abstract Greases having low noise properties are prepared by cycling kettle contents, during at least the initial stage of soap-forming or other thickening, round a processing loop comprising (i) agitation and heating and (ii) shearing. Lithium complex greases are referred to which have lower noise properties than a polyurea type grease.		

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