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AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claim 83 amended; new claim 84 added; remaining claims unchanged (2 pages)]

concentration in the range of about 0.01 to about
15 weight percent.

- 5 80. The process of Claim 76 wherein the inert solvent
is selected from the group consisting of
trichloroethane and toluene.
- 10 81. The process of Claim 72 wherein the suspending
agent is a natural gum.
- 15 82. A process for producing a porous crosslinked
polymeric microbead comprising
(a) combining
(i) an oil phase comprising
(1) styrene;
(2) divinylbenzene;
(3) lauroyl peroxide;
(4) trichloroethane;
(5) sorbitan monooleate
20 (ii) an aqueous discontinuous phase that does
not contain a polymerization initiator
to form an emulsion;
(b) adding the emulsion to an aqueous suspension
medium to form an oil-in-water suspension of
25 dispersed emulsion droplets, wherein said
suspension medium comprises acacia gum and
does not contain a polymerization initiator;
and
(c) polymerizing the emulsion droplets.
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83. A porous crosslinked polymeric microbead produced
by the process comprising
(a) combining
(i) an oil phase comprising
35 (1) styrene;
(2) divinylbenzene;

- (3) lauroyl peroxide;
 - (4) trichloroethane;
 - (5) sorbitan monooleate
- (ii) an aqueous discontinuous phase that does
5 not contain a polymerization initiator
to form an emulsion;
- (b) adding the emulsion to an aqueous suspension
medium to form an oil-in-water suspension of
dispersed emulsion droplets, wherein said
10 suspension medium comprises acacia gum and
does not contain a polymerization initiator;
and
- (c) polymerizing the emulsion droplets.
- 15 84. The process of Claim 72 wherein the oil phase
additionally comprises a porogen.

STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19

The claims in the above-referenced application have been amended to complete Claim 83 and add Claim 84. These claims were present in the originally filed application on pages 67-68. The attached copy of the Return Receipt Postcard evidences that the application contained 17 sheets of claims (pages 52-68). Although it is believed that Applicant is entitled to have these claims considered as part of the original application, Applicant has chosen the simpler expedient of amending the claims to include Claim 84 and the missing portion of Claim 83.

None of the amendments require changes to the Title, Abstract, or Specification.