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(57) Abstract: A method for manufacturing an engineered stone, the method including: providing a mixture comprising at least a stone or stone like material and a binder; compacting the mixture; curing the binder; and further comprising printing a printed pattern on at least a top surface of the engineered stone.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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