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(54) Title: CROSSLINKED CELLULOSIC PRODUCT

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a bonded cellulosic fibrous product that includes crosslinked cellulosic fibers. Methods for forming the bonded cellulosic fibrous product and personal care absorbent products that include the bonded product are also provided.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,486,167 A (DRAGOO ET AL) 23 January 1996, see the whole document.	1-34
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