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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A pre-blend composition for preparation of joint compound including water, a cellulose ether thickener, and about 19% or less by weight of a salt selected from the group consisting of potassium carbonate, potassium sulfate, sodium acetate, and mixtures thereof, wherein the composition is essentially free of alumina, is disclosed.

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