

Title (en)  
PROCESS AND SPINNING DEVICE FOR MAKING MICROFILAMENTS.

Title (de)  
VERFAHREN UND SPINNVORRICHTUNG ZUR HERSTELLUNG VON MIKROFILAMENTEN.

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PROCEDE ET DISPOSITIF DE FILAGE POUR LA PRODUCTION DE MICROFILAMENTS.

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