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(4) Use of treated niobium or tantalum as a connector, such a connector and a cathodic protection system using such a connector.

The use of niobium or tantalum treated in a manner known per se by pickling and anodisation as a connector in a saline solution. Also an electrical connector formed of niobium or tantalum having been treated by pickling and oxidation.

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