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Upon thorough investigation, it has been determined that the article titled “The Effect of Agro-Wastes and Crustacean Fillers on Poly (Vinyl-Acetate) Emulsion Wood Adhesives,” by I. U. Ogban and O.Ogbobe, which was published in *International Journal of Polymeric Materials*, 2008, Volume 57, pages 266–274, contained large portions of text taken without attribution from an article by L. Qiao, A. J. Easteal, C. J. Bolt, P. K. Coveny, & R. A. Franich, published in the journal *Pigment & Resin Technology*, 1999, Volume 28, Number 6, pages 326–330.

Two independent peer reviewers have examined the two articles and have concluded as follows:

- A great deal of the general text has been copied, including the Abstract and Conclusion, almost verbatim from the paper by Qiao et al.
- Table 4 of the *International Journal of Polymeric Materials* article has used two results lines (line 1 and line 8) that appear to have been taken from the first and penultimate results lines in Table III of Qiao et al.
- The article does not cite the Qiao et al. article as the source of so much of its text and conclusions.

The reviewers acknowledge that in the *International Journal of Polymeric Materials* article, the authors did not use the same fillers as Qiao et al. That is, Ogban and Ogbobe used the same polymer matrix as Qiao et al., but the fillers Ogban and Ogbobe used were two fillers naturally found in Nigeria (coconut shells and a certain kind of sea-shell). The reviewers also note that in Table 4, Ogban and Ogbobe used two of the inorganic fillers, previously used by Qiao et al., as comparative examples, and that Ogban and Ogbobe’s results relate essentially to fillers found in Nigeria, and not to common fillers found and used around the world.

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