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(57) Abstract :

The present invention discloses a sustainable and scalable method for upcycling non-biodegradable plastic waste—specifically expanded polystyrene (Thermocol) and discarded optical lenses—into a durable composite material for manufacturing consumer products. The process involves melting waste Thermocol at moderate temperatures (~180°C) and mechanically blending it with granulated optical lens particles to form a moldable pulp. This composite is cast into functional and decorative items such as photo frames, clocks, toys, and stationery products using silicone or aluminum molds. The method requires no toxic solvents, is environmentally safe, and can be implemented using low-cost equipment, making it suitable for decentralized, community-based production. The invention not only addresses plastic waste management challenges but also promotes circular economy practices and livelihood generation. Accompanied Drawing [FIGS. 1-2]

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