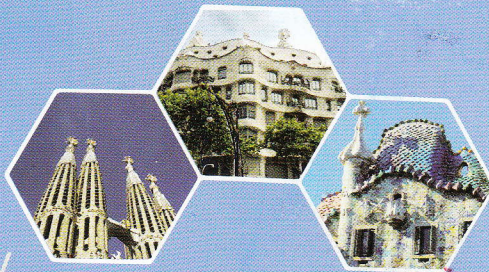


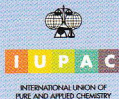
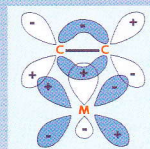
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ISOMERISATION OF PINENE OXIDE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN INDENYL MOLYBDENUM CARBONYL COMPLEX

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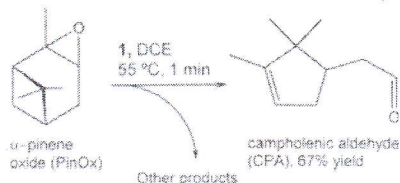
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The complex $[\{(\eta^5\text{-Ind})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\mu\text{-Cl})\}_2]$ (**1**) has been tested for the catalytic isomerisation of α -pinene oxide (PinOx) to campholenic aldehyde (CPA, see Scheme). Complete conversion of PinOx was achieved within 1 min at 55 °C or 30 min at 35 °C using 1,2-dichloroethane as solvent, giving CPA in 68% yield.¹ Other products included *trans*-carveol, iso-pinocamphone and *trans*-pinocarveol. The stability of **1** under the reaction conditions was investigated by FT-IR spectroscopy and ESI-MS to characterise recovered solids. In the presence of air/moisture **1** undergoes oxidative decarbonylation upon dissolution to give oxomolybdenum species that are proposed to include a tetranuclear oxomolybdenum(V) complex. Conversely, ESI-MS studies of **1** dissolved in dry CH₃CN show mononuclear species of the type $[\text{IndMo}(\text{CO})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_n]^+$. The crystal structure of $[(\eta^3\text{-Ind})\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2]$ (**2**) (obtained after dissolution of **1** in CH₃CN) is reported.



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