Syntheses and Molecular Structures of Metallasiloxanes Containing Zn_3O_4 and $Zn_6Si_6O_{10}$ Cores

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The trinuclear zinc siloxane $[(MeZn)_2Zn(OSiPh_3)_4]$ (1) and the first novel siloxane-bridged hexanuclear dimer $[{Me(THF)Zn}_2OZn(OSiR_2)(R^1)]_2$ (R = Ph, R¹ = OSiR₂OSiR₂O) (2) are accessible by Brønsted acid/base reaction of triorganosilanols with the zinc base ZnMe₂. Both compounds were characterised by NMR spectroscopy and a single-crystal X-ray structure analysis. The X-ray structures of the reported complexes are discussed.

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