CLAIMS

1. A method comprising:

introducing a matrix material into a mold cavity, the matrix material comprising a plurality of binder particles and a plurality of organic particles and not comprising active particles; and

heating the matrix material in the mold cavity in an oxygen-lean atmosphere so as to bind the matrix material at a plurality of contact points thereby forming an organic porous mass.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the natural material comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of cloves, tobacco, coffee beans, cocoa, cinnamon, vanilla, tea, green tea, black tea, bay leaves, citrus peels, orange, lemon, lime, grapefruit, cumin, chili peppers, chili powder, red pepper, eucalyptus, peppermint, curry, anise, dill, fennel, allspice, basil, rosemary, pepper, caraway seeds, cilantro, garlic, mustard, nutmeg, thyme, turmeric, oregano, other spices, hops, other grains, sugar, and any combination thereof.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein heating occurs in an air pressure greater than atmospheric pressure.

4. The method of to claim 1, wherein introducing the matrix material into the mold cavity is continuous and includes pneumatic dense phase feeding at a rate of about 1 m/min to about 800 m/min.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the matrix material further comprises a microwave enhancement additive and heating involves microwave irradiation.

6. A method comprising:

introducing a matrix material into a mold cavity, the matrix material consisting of a plurality of binder particles and a plurality of organic particles and not comprising active particles;