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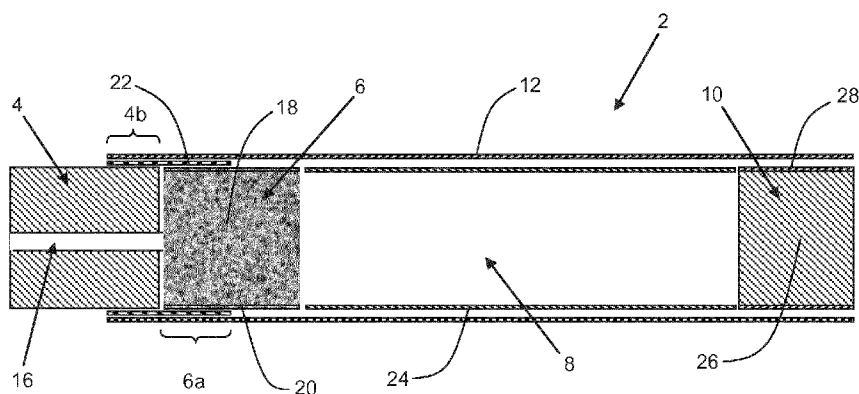


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A combustible heat source (4) for a smoking article (2) comprises carbon and a binding agent. The binding agent includes a combination of three binder components: an organic polymeric binder material, a carboxylate burn salt and a non-combustible inorganic binder material. The at least one non-combustible inorganic binder material comprises a sheet silicate material. Preferably, the combustible heat source further comprises an ignition aid.