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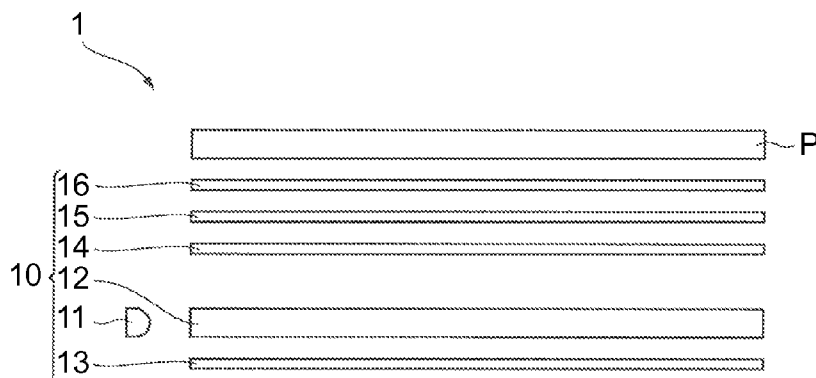


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** A surface light source device capable of obtaining uniform and high brightness emitted light is disclosed. The surface light source device can include a light source (11) that emits light; a light guiding plate (12) that guides light from the light source that is incident on a rear surface side thereof or a side surface side thereof and emits the light from a front surface side thereof; and a diffusion plate (14) disposed on the front surface side of the light guiding plate that diffuses the incident light from the light guiding plate to a front surface side thereof. The diffusion plate can be made from nonwoven fabric with an areal weight of not less than 0 g/m² and not more than 40 g/m².

