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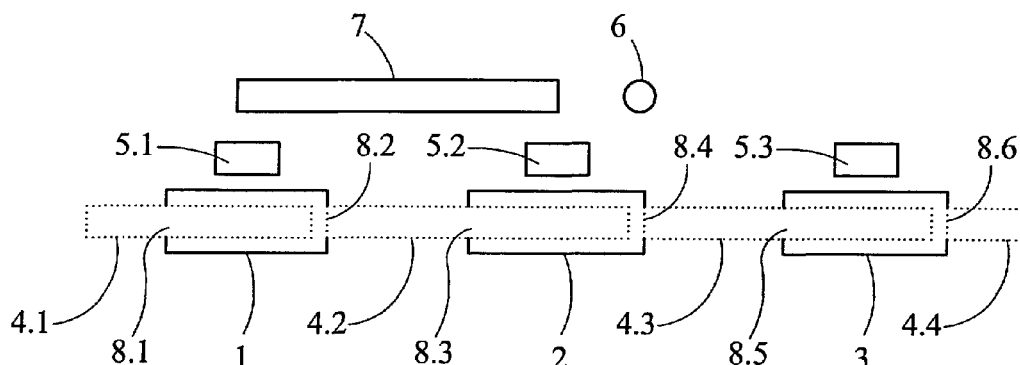
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(57) **Abstract:** A method of processing organic material comprises heating the organic material to a temperature exceeding 100 °C in an atmosphere comprising at least one of superheated steam, a hot inert gas, hot air and hot process gases, and subsequently cooling the heated organic material in an atmosphere comprising at least one of superheated steam and an inert gas. Also described are processing apparatus for use in performing the method.



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