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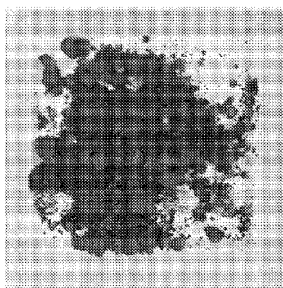
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- (54) **Title:** METHOD FOR HIGH AND SELECTIVE EXTRACTION OF A PRECIOUS METAL

[Fig. 1]



(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to a composition comprising a strong base, an oxidant and a thiocyanate, wherein the composition has a pH in the range of 12 to 14. The present invention also relates to a method of preparing such a composition, a method of extracting a precious metal using such a composition, and use of the composition to recover a precious metal.

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