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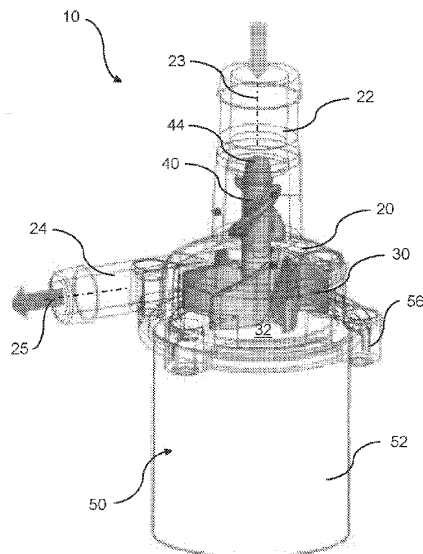


FIG. 3

(57) Abstract: A pump assembly (10) for pumping boiling water to a dispenser in a drinking water dispensing system, the pump assembly (10) comprising: a pump housing (20) having an inlet (22) for the boiling water and an outlet (24) arranged in fluid communication with the inlet (22); an impeller (30) disposed in the pump housing (20) for rotation about a central axis (23) for driving the water from the inlet (22) to the outlet (24), wherein the inlet (22) is arranged on the central axis (23); and an inducer (40) arranged in the inlet (22) to the pump housing (20) and operatively connected to the impeller (40) for rotation therewith about the central axis (23) to induce the water at the inlet (22) towards the impeller (30) and raise the inlet pressure.

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