

A B S T R A C T**"A VERTICAL DRAIN"**

A vertical drain for draining fluid from ground soil, which drain comprises an elongate core having one or more channels extending along the length of the core to receive fluid; electrically conductive means extending substantially along the length of the core; and a filter surrounding the core, wherein fluid from ground being consolidated passes through the filter into the one or more channels in the core.

[Figure 3]