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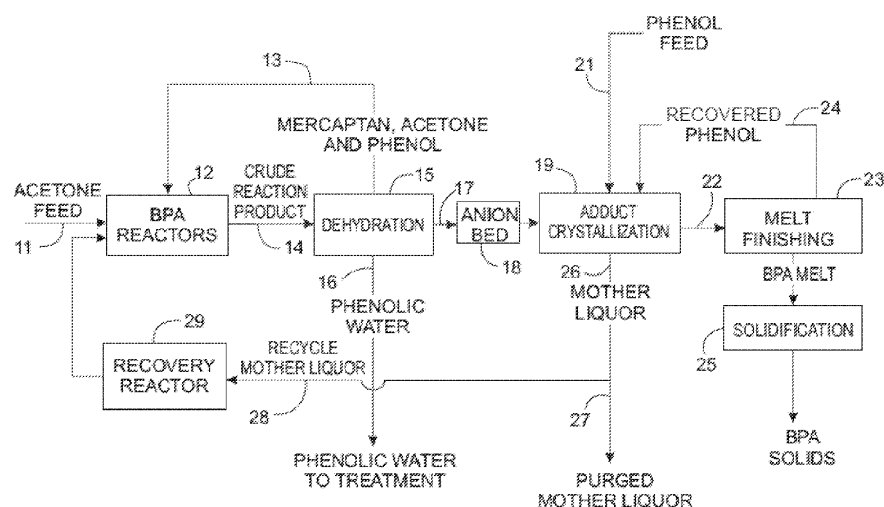


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** A process for producing bisphenol-A comprises reacting acetone and phenol in the presence of a catalyst system comprising an acidic heterogeneous catalyst and a catalyst promoter comprising at least one organic sulfur-containing compound to produce a reaction effluent comprising bisphenol-A, water, unreacted acetone, unreacted phenol and at least part of the catalyst promoter. At least part of the reaction effluent is distilled to remove water, catalyst promoter and unreacted acetone, and leave a residual stream containing bisphenol A. At least part of the residual stream is then contacted with a basic anion exchange resin to produce a purified stream, from which bisphenol-A is recovered.

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