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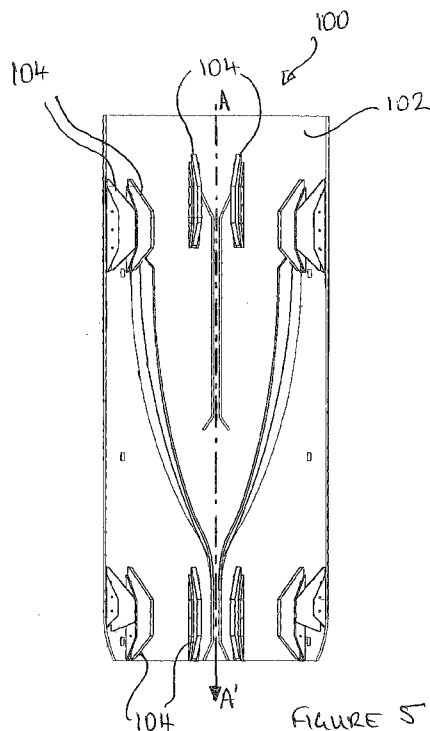
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(54) Title: PILE GUIDE



(57) Abstract: A pile guide for supporting a pile as it is driven into a substrate, comprises: a base frame; and a pile guide member (100) which is mounted on the base frame and defines a passageway with an inner peripheral surface (102) to which a plurality of elongate members (104) are attached. The plurality of elongate members (104) are configured to engage a pile and guide it in a predetermined direction through the passageway as it is driven into a substrate. At least one elongate member (104) and the inner peripheral surface (102) of the passageway have releasable inter-connecting profiles for releasably attaching the at least one elongate member (104) to the inner peripheral surface (102). The at least one elongate member (104) may readily be removed and replaced by a narrower/wider elongate member to accommodate piles of different diameter.



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