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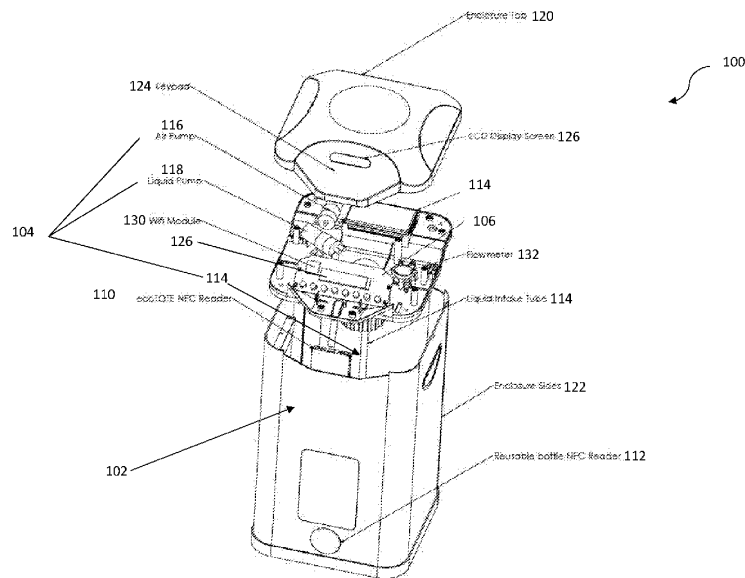


Figure 1

(57) **Abstract:** A beverage dispensing apparatus comprising a body for engaging a replaceable fluid receptacle; an extractor for extracting fluid from the receptacle; a controller comprising two or more volume selectors for controlling extraction, by the extractor, of a respective predetermined volume of the fluid from the receptacle; a dispenser for dispensing the fluid, extracted by the extractor, into a container; and a reader for reading an identifier on the receptacle, wherein a processor is configured to receive, from the reader, data comprising the identifier and verify the identifier based on one or more conditions, wherein if the identifier satisfies the one or more conditions the controller is operable to control extraction of the fluid from the receptacle and if the identifier does not satisfy at least one said condition the controller cannot be operated to extract fluid from the receptacle.

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