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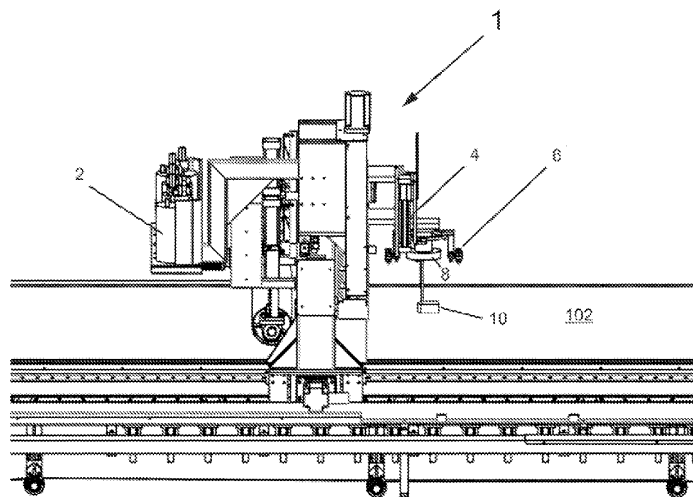
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Fig. 1



(57) Abstract: A method for producing engineered stone slabs includes compressing composite material to form compressed composite material and fragmenting the compressed composite material into fragments of composite material. The method also includes depositing, for instance, based on an image of natural stone, colorant onto at least some of the side walls of at least some of the fragments of composite material in the vein pattern and then using a press roller to press, flatten and stretch the fragments of composite material and colorant into an uncured slab. The method further includes curing the uncured slab to form a cured engineered stone slab.

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