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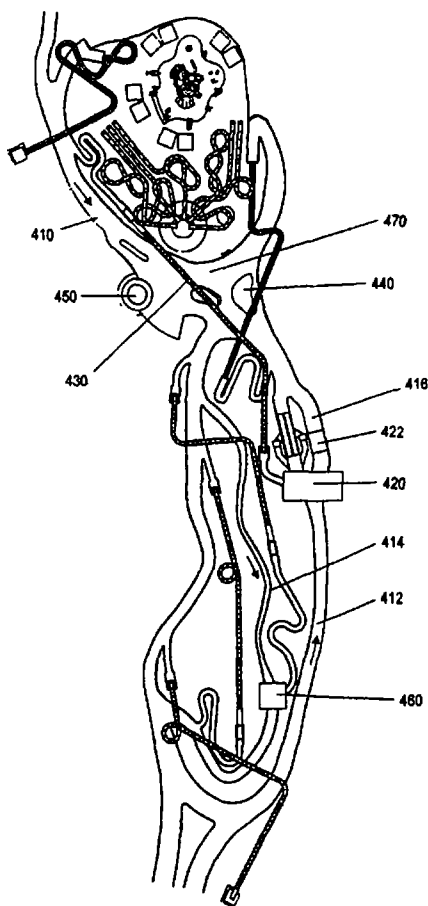
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(54) **Title: METHOD FOR RECOVERING MATERIAL VALUES FROM BISPHENOL TAR**



(57) **Abstract**: Phenol and isopropenylphenol are recovered from BPA tars by sparging the fluidized BPA tar while heating in the presence of a basic catalyst. Sparging dramatically increases the efficiency of phenol and isopropenylphenol recovery. Recovered isopropenylphenol may be converted to bisphenol A in the distillate by reaction with phenol and an acidic catalyst.



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