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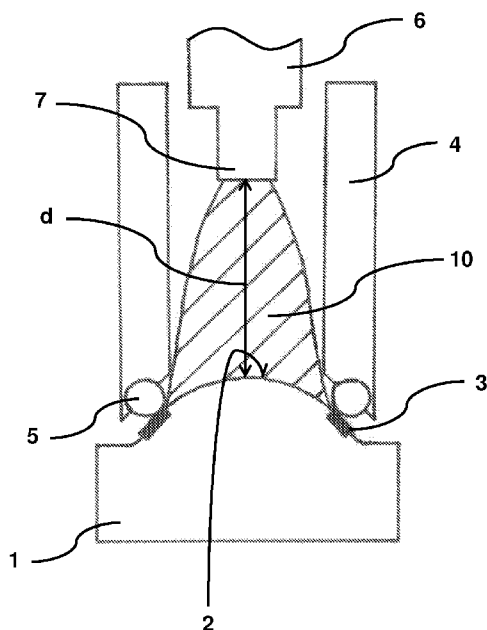


FIG. 1

- (57) Abstract:** A method of treating of a lens forming surface (2) of at least one mold half (1) of a mold for molding an ophthalmic lens, in particular of the lens forming surface of a glass mold half for molding a contact lens, especially a soft contact lens, includes the steps of: - providing a plasma (10) under atmospheric pressure, and - exposing the lens forming surface (2) to the plasma (10) under atmospheric pressure thereby hydrophilizing the lens forming surface (2) without depositing any material on the lens forming surface (2).