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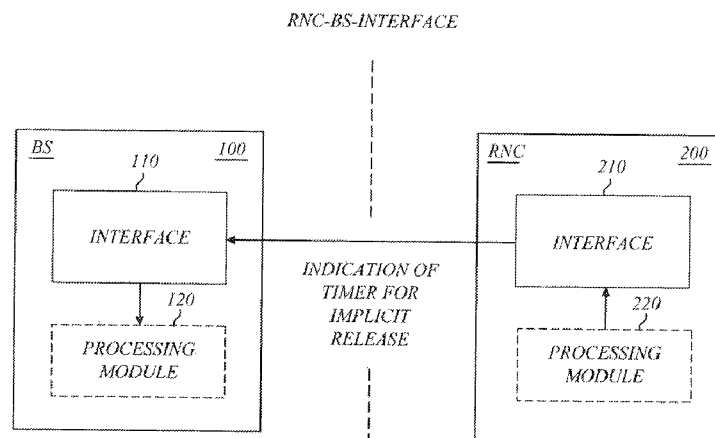
(54) **Title:** TIMER FOR RELEASING E-DCH RESOURCES

Fig. 8

(57) **Abstract:** The proposed technology relates to the issue of supporting release of common radio resources in a radio communication network. A radio network controller (200) sends an indication of a value of a timer for implicit release of common radio resources to a base station (100). The base station (100) receives the indication of a value of a timer for implicit release of common radio resources and determines whether to release common radio resources based on the indication of a value of the timer for implicit release of common radio resources. In this way, by using the indication of a value of the timer for implicit release the base station (100) will be able to correctly determine whether to release the common resources upon reception of a report of empty buffer status from a UE. This will eliminate misinterpretations of the empty buffer status report, and avoid unnecessary radio link failures.