

ABSTRACT

Particles of sand coated with oil are loaded into a housing (1). A fluidising unit (3) is provided towards the bottom of the housing. The fluidising unit fluidises the particles and discharges them from the housing to a separator, such as one or more hydrocyclones (8,14), in which the oil and sand particles are separated. The coated particles can be introduced in the housing (1) via a cyclonic separator (50,62) which provides some preliminary separation.

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