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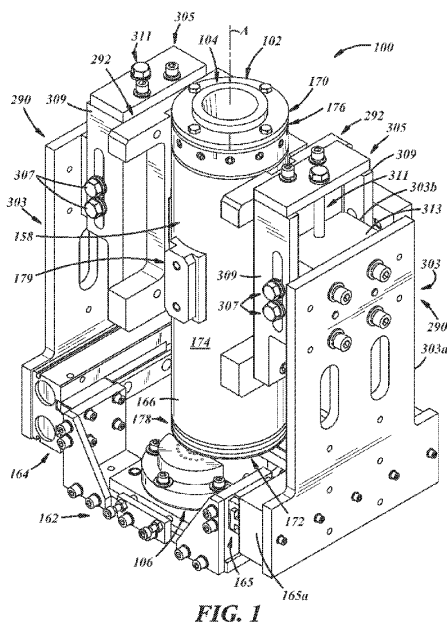


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A molten glass transport cup (102, 302, 502, 702, 1102) includes a conduit (104, 304, 504, 704, 1104) having an inlet (110, 310) and an outlet (112, 312, 512, 712, 1112), and an endcap (106, 306, 506, 706) to cover or close, and uncover or open, the conduit outlet. The cup also may include a fluid exhaust outlet between the conduit and the endcap, and one or more fluid supply passages (148, 149, 348, 548, 748) having one or more interior inlets (152, 352, 752) located radially inwardly of the exhaust outlet. A molten glass transporter (100, 300, 500, 700, 1100) may include the cup and a conduit carrier (158, 358, 558, 758, 1158). A related method may include receiving a molten glass charge (G) in the cup and supplying fluid into the cup to displace at least a portion of the glass charge away from the transport cup.

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