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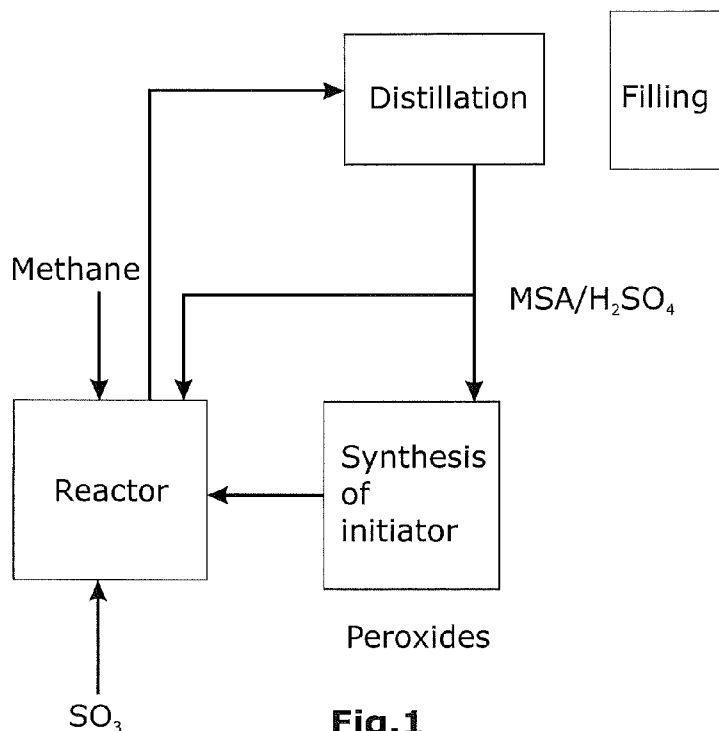
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**Fig.1**(57) Abstract: A compound of the formula (I)  $\text{ALK-SO}_2\text{-O-O-SO}_2\text{OX}$ , wherein ALK is a branched or unbranched alkyl group, especially a methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, isopropyl, isobutyl group, or a higher alkyl group, and X = hydrogen, zinc, aluminium, an alkali or alkaline earth metal.



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