

Title (en)

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING SYNGAS AND ALCOHOLS

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VERFAHREN UND VORRICHTUNG ZUR HERSTELLUNG VON SYNGAS UND ALKOHOLEN

Title (fr)

PROCÉDÉS ET APPAREIL POUR LA PRODUCTION DE GAZ DE SYNTHÈSE ET D'ALCOOLS

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Abstract (en)

[origin: US2009151251A1] The present invention features methods and apparatus for the pyrolysis or torrefaction of a carbon-containing feedstock before it is converted to syngas. In some embodiments, biomass is first pretreated by torrefaction and/or pyrolysis, followed by devolatilization and/or steam reforming to produce syngas. Various mixtures of such pretreated biomass, combined with fresh biomass, can be employed to produce syngas. The syngas can be converted to alcohols, such as ethanol, or to other products.

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