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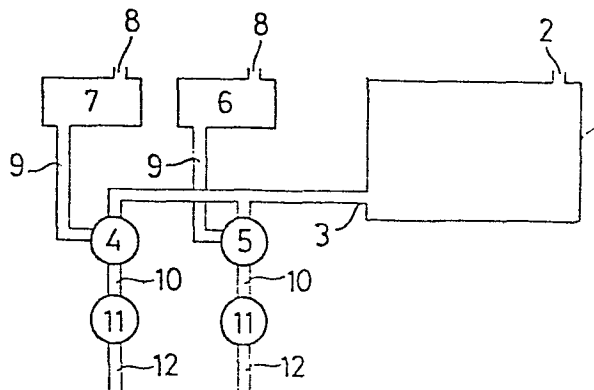
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(54) **A method of, and apparatus for, supplying paint.**

(57) A method of supplying paint or like colouring matter to a site of application, such as a road surface to be marked, comprises storing the pigment component of the paint or of each of a plurality of paints of different colour in a small container or respective small containers (6,7), separately from the carrier component of the paint or common to all the paints stored in a large container (1). The pigment or a selected pigment may then be mixed on an as-needed basis in the correct ratio with the carrier at or immediately adjacent the site of application and just prior thereto. Each pigment container (5,6) is connected to a respective metering pump (4,5), and the carrier container (1) is connected to each metering pump (4, 5); the blending action of each metering pump (4, 5) can be complemented by a homogenising unit (11); application can be by paint spraying apparatus.





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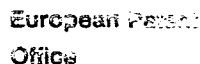
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