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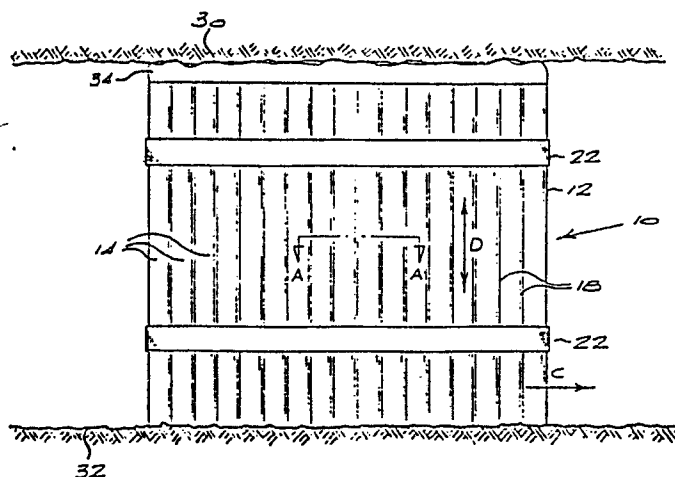
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54 Support member.

57 A support member (10) capable of bearing an axial compressive load may be used as a support in an underground mine. The support member (10) comprises an elongate tube (12) of a flexible plastics material divided by dividing walls of the flexible plastics material into a plurality of compartments

(14) running the length of the tube (12) so that the tube (12) divided into compartments (14) has a honeycomb structure. Some or all of the compartments (14) are filled with a particulate filler material (20) such as sand.

Fig. 1



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