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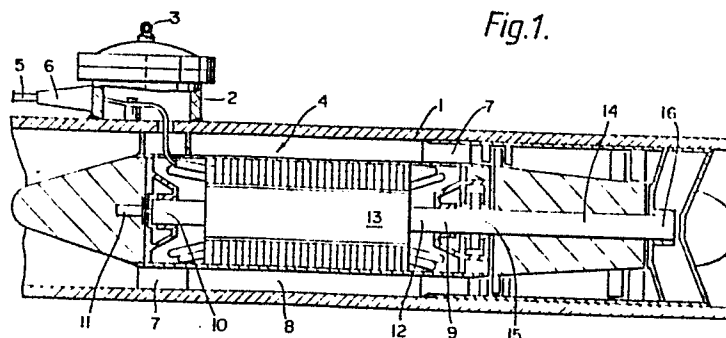
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64 **Gas pipe pumping system.**

57 A module for incorporating in a gas pipeline comprises an electric motor (4) connected to an axial compressor (14) located in a pipe section (20) which is adapted to be connected into a main pipeline. A passage for the gas is formed in an annular passage between the motor (4) and the wall of the pipe section (20).

A plurality of the modules may be located in parallel with the main gas pipe line.



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X LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions,

namely:

1. Claims 1,2,3,4,5,6,7: Electric motor/compressor assembly mounted in-side a gas pipe line
2. Claims 8,9,10,11: Piping and valve arrangements

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