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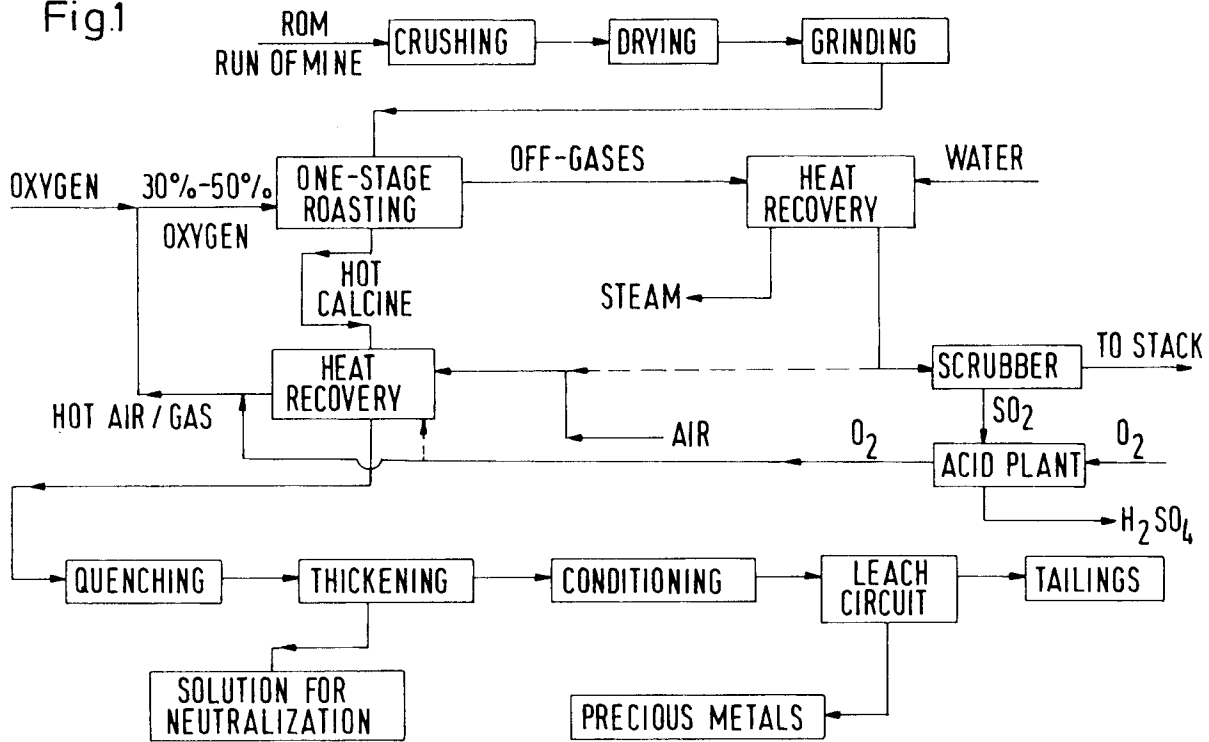
(54) **Process for treating ore having recoverable metal values including arsenic containing components.**

(57) Roasting of ores with metal values such as precious metal ores for recovery of metal values with conversion of arsenic to an insoluble form in-situ in presence of an additive such as iron and in presence of oxygen injected initially or supplementally in a roaster such as in a circulating fluid bed roaster;

volatilized arsenic in roasting of ores may also be converted to an insoluble form in gas phase in a two stage roaster process after removal of solids from a gas phase and contact with an additive at high oxygen concentration in a second stage roaster.

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Fig.1





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