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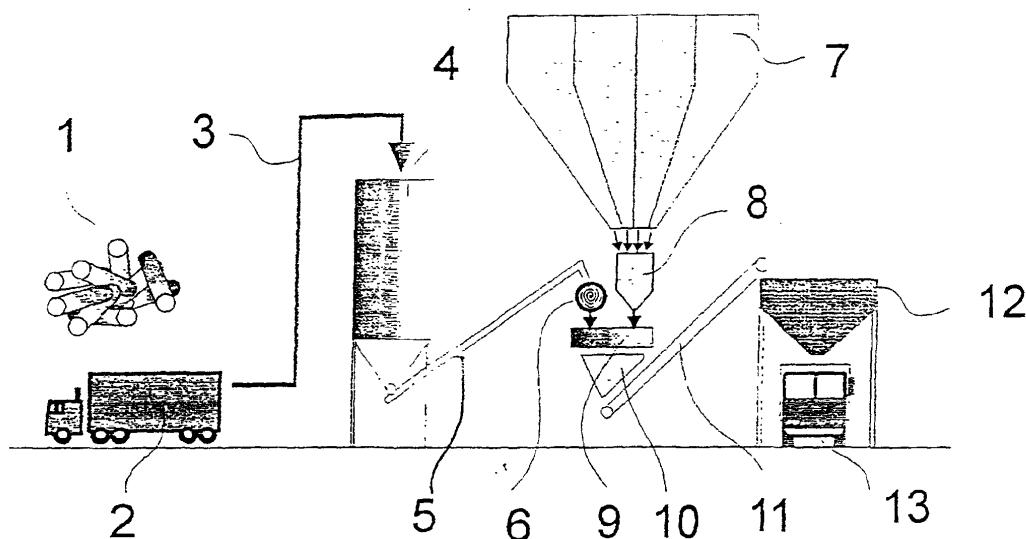
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(54) **Method and apparatus for the introduction of fibrous material into a substance**

(57) Fibres to be introduced into a mixture are initially pelletised or granulated at a compacting station. The pellets or granules are then transported to a user station where they are stored, and then re-fibreised as

required ready for use and introduced into a mixer where they are mixed with other ingredients to provide a mixture with the required properties which is then ready for delivery.

Figure 1



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