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### (54) Method and plant for forming ceramic slabs or tiles

(57) Method for forming ceramic tiles, comprising the following operative steps: creating a continuous layer of powders on a conveyor belt; advancing said belt through a first pressing station of continuous type, with which means for laterally retaining the powders are as-

sociated, to effect a first pressing of the powders during the advancement of the belt, and obtain a coherent article of compacted powders; and, by suitable means, controlling and limiting the expansion of said powder article on termination of said first compaction.

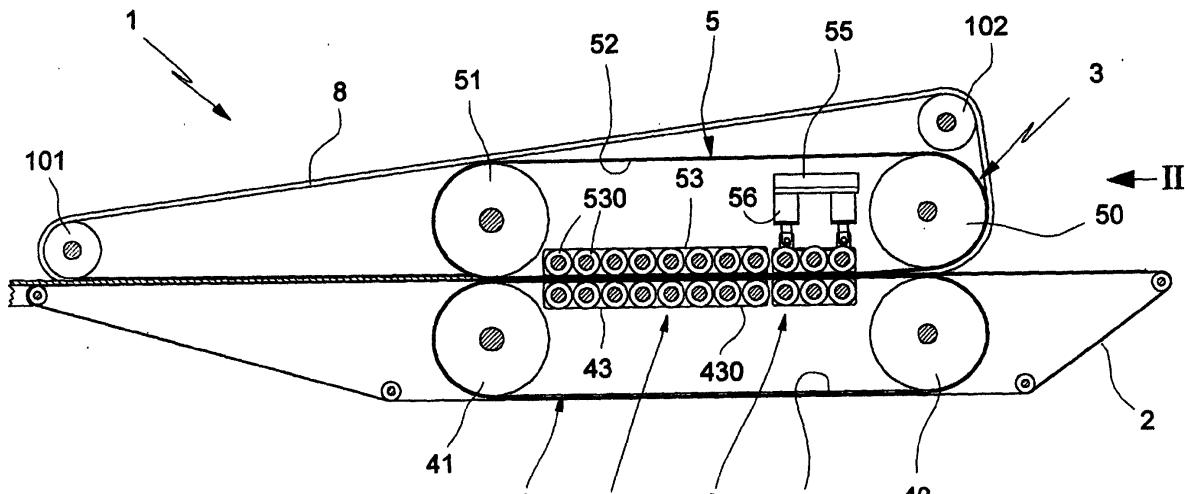


FIG. 1



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