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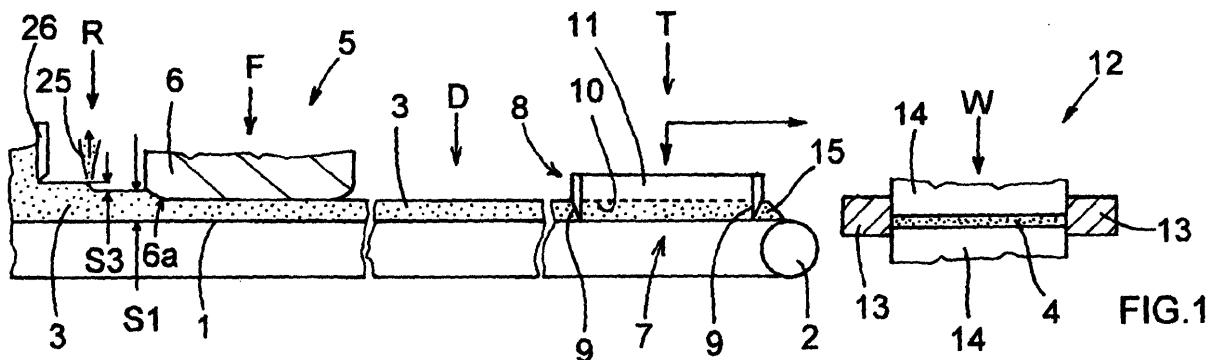
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(54) **Method for making tiles**

(57) A method for transferring granular material (3, 16, 17, 18), comprises preparing on a surface (1) layer means (3) of said granular material (3, 16, 17, 18) arranged for constituting at least a main part of the thickness (S) of a tile (4), compacting said layer means (3) on said surface (1), transferring said layer means (3) by vacuum means (8), said preparing comprising preparing layer means (3) with dimensions exceeding the perimeter of said tile (4); an apparatus for transferring granular material (3, 16, 17, 18), comprises distributing means

suitable for preparing on a surface (1) layer means (3) of said granular material (3, 16, 17, 18) arranged for constituting at least a main part (S) of a tile (4), compacting means (5, 6, 10, 23) suitable for compacting said layer means (3) on said surface (1), transferring means (7, 8, 9, 10, 11) suitable for transferring said layer means (3) by vacuum means (8), said distributing means being suitable for preparing in said surface (1) said layer means (3) having dimensions exceeding the perimeter of said tile (4).





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