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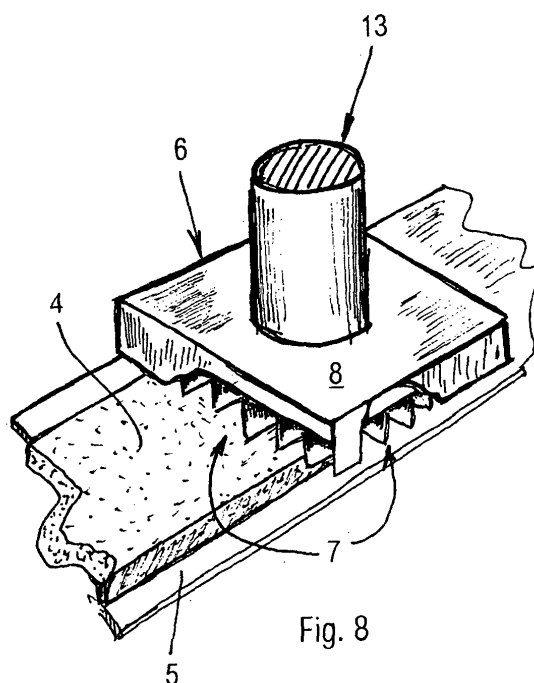
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(54) **Method and system for the manufacture of ceramic products**

(57) The method and system (1), particularly for the manufacture of ceramic products such as tesseras (2) for mosaics and the like comprises: placing a slab (4) of raw ceramic material in a plastic state on support means (5); superimposing on said slab (4) die means (6) equipped with cutting means (7), turned towards said slab (4) and defining forming gaps (10) in said ceramic products; pressing said die means (6) on said slab (4) of ceramic material making said cutting means (7) penetrate the latter in such a way as to form said separate ceramic products contained in said gaps (10), adhering to said cutting means (7); transferring said die means (6) and said formed products adhering to said cutting means (7) inside drying means (16) for drying said formed products; separating said die means (6) from said dried formed products; picking up said dried, formed and separated products and sending them with said support means (15) to subsequent processing stations.





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