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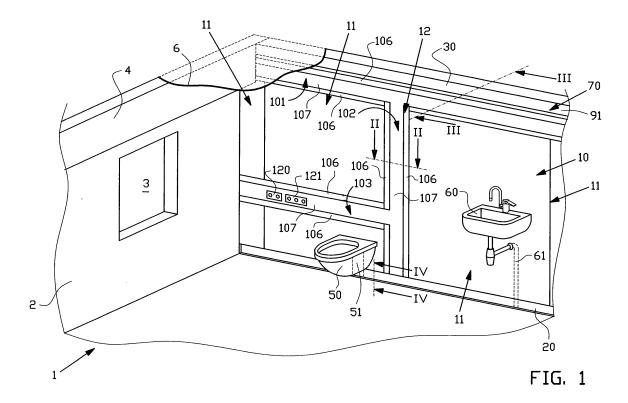
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(54) Modular wall system

(57) Modular wall system comprising vertically positioned wall panels and a channel having an elongated accommodation opening for accommodation of a utility duct from an outer side of the modular wall system. The

utility duct can be accommodated in the channel, as a result of which the duct can largely be shielded against dust settling down. The degree of dust accumulation on the wall can therefore be limited.





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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION
The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:
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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION SHEET B

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-13

"Horizontal channel" providing access to electrical conduits along a length of wall $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots,n\right\}$

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2. claims: 14-17

"Finishing profile for the upper edge" preventing dust from setting on the top of the panels $\,$

3. claims: 18-23

"Skirting board structure" providing vertical adjustable support for the wall panels $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

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