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(54) **APPARATUS FOR BULK HANDLING AND DISCHARGE ASSEMBLY THEREWITH**

(57) A container for bulk handling, the container comprising: a body defined by an upper portion of rigid construction, a lower portion of rigid construction and a central portion of flexible construction extending between the upper portion and the lower portion; wherein the lower

portion includes an outlet for the discharge of product from the container; and wherein the upper portion, the lower portion and the central portion define a chamber for bulk handling of product.

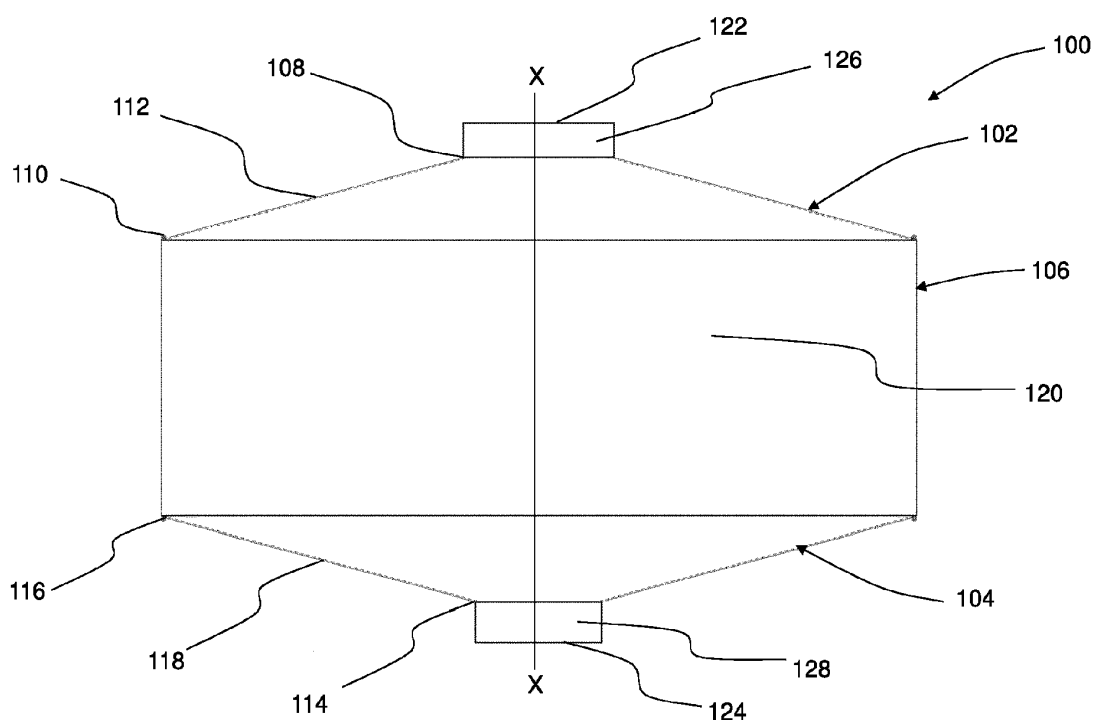


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1. claims: 1-13

Container

2. claims: 14, 15

Discharge assembly

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