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(54) **CONDENSATE PUMP ASSEMBLY & CONTROL METHODS**

(57) The present disclosure comprises a method of controlling a condensate pump assembly which comprises a pump and a controller connected to the pump, the method comprising measuring a current value drawn by the pump, comparing the measured current value to a predetermined threshold current value and controlling

operation of the condensate pump assembly based on the current value comparison. Also provided is a condensate pump assembly for use in an air conditioning system, comprising a housing comprising an upper housing portion and a pump arranged to pump liquid from a liquid inlet to a liquid outlet.

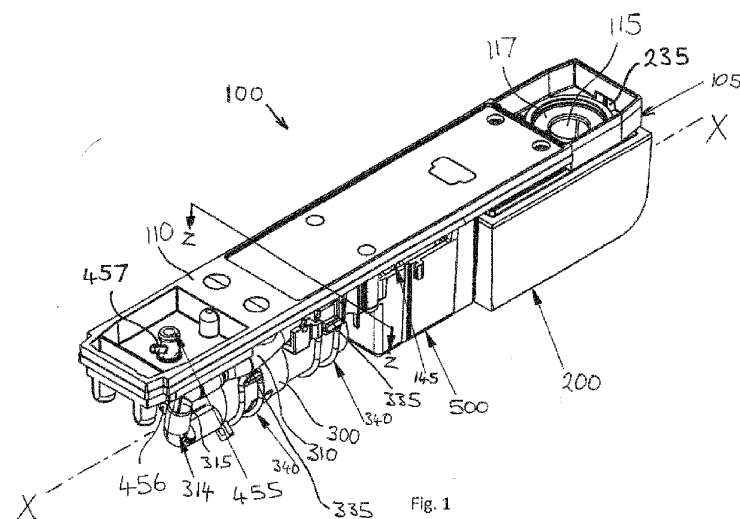


Fig. 1



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1 The search has furthermore been restricted to the subject-matter of claims 1-10 and 15 (partially) as indicated by the applicant in his letter of 06.09.2023 filed in reply to the invitation pursuant to Rule 62a(1) and/or Rule 63(1) EPC. The applicant indicated in his letter to elect claims 1 and 22, claim 22 was however deemed abandoned (see communication of 12.06.2023).

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