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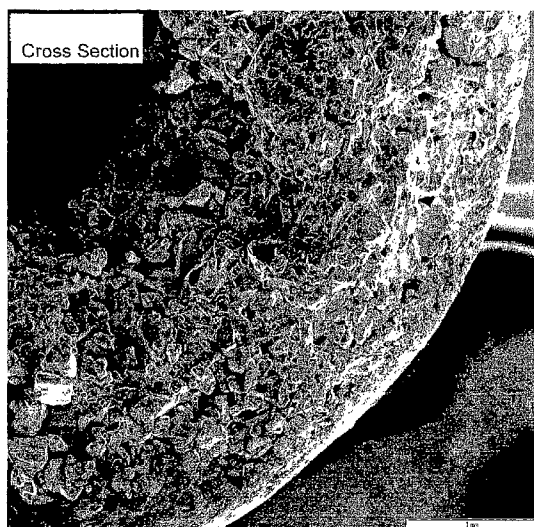
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to a confectionary item comprising: (a) a tackified matrix core upon which a matrix of non-homogenous powdered materials is formed by applying: (b) at least one deposit of binder that adheres to the gelatin flavored matrix core; (c) a powdered deposit of edible water soluble carbohydrate exhibiting a negative heat of solution; (d) optional additional alternating deposits of (b) and (c) above; (e) an optional, powdered deposit of a low-hygroscopic flow agent applied over the powdered layers (b), (c) and (d) where (d) is applied, which low hygroscopic flow agent can be applied after an optional preceding deposit of aqueous solution of water-soluble binder; and (f) an optional layer of protective coating of a confectioner's glaze and/or confectioner's shellac. The present invention is also directed to the process of making the confectionary item.

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