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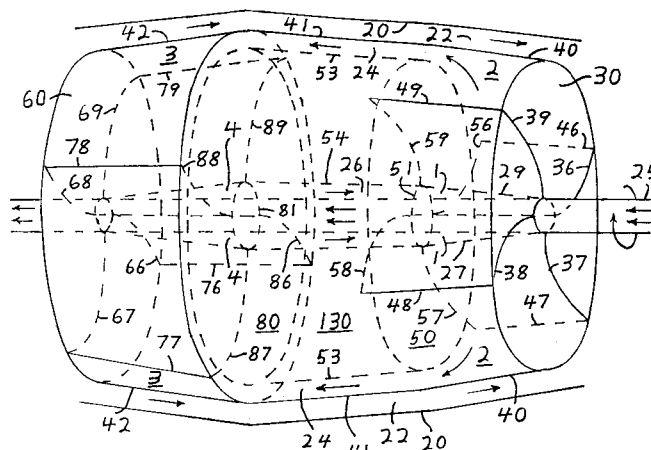


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: An engine/heat pump is shown. Most of its parts rotate around the same central axis. It comprises two doubly connected chambers. Blades in each chamber substantially rotate with the chamber and may be firmly attached to the walls of the chamber, thus forming a modified centrifugal pump with axial input and discharge. An expandable fluid is rotated outward by one of the pumps and then heat is added for an engine or removed for a heat pump as the fluid is being sent to the outer part of the second pump. The fluid travels toward the center of the second pump, thus impelling the pump in the rotation direction. Then heat is removed for an engine or added for a heat pump as the fluid leaves the second pump and travels back to the first pump near the center of rotation. Rotation energy of the fluid is typically much larger than the circulation energy. A modified centrifugal pump with axial discharge having a casing rotating with the blades is also claimed.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claims 1-10 are drawn to a device comprising a first substantially centrifugal compressor and a second substantially centrifugal compressor.

Group II, claims 11-12 is drawn to a pump.

The inventions listed as Groups I-II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the special technical features of Group I, a first fluid connection, a first substantially centrifugal compressor, a second fluid connection, a second substantially centrifugal compressor, means to add heat, means to remove heat, are not present in Group II; the special technical features of Group II, a set of blades, a casing, the velocity vector of each point within the blades, are not present in Group I.

Since none of the special technical features of the Group I-II inventions is found in more than one of the inventions, unity is lacking.

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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
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