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SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING STEAM AND MECHANICAL ENERGY FROM A HYDROTHERMAL FLOW

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A two-phase hydrothermal flow, e.g. from a geothermal source, is separated and provides steam at a desired pressure for production of power both from the steam phase and from thermal energy contained in the hot water phase. The separated hot water phase is processed in a heat conversion system which extracts sensible heat and produces from a portion thereof auxiliary steam at least at the vapor pressure of the hot water, and this auxiliary steam may be utilized either separately or together with said separated steam phase in a prime mover and condenser system for production of power. Where a geothermal hydrothermal flow contains noxious noncondensable gases which contaminate the steam phase, after condensation of the steam such gases may be withdrawn from the condenser and dissolved in the cooled hot water phase and reinjected underground to avoid environmental pollution.

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APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUSLY MEASURING FLOW RATE OF FINE MATERIAL FLOWING THROUGH TRANSPORT PIPE

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An apparatus for continuously measuring the flow rate of a fine material flowing through a transport pipe, which comprises: an integrator for integrating calculated values of the flow rate of a fine material flowing through a transport pipe, obtained by a flow rate calculating means; a correction controller, said correction controller being adapted to calculate the total weight of the fine material fed during a prescribed period of time while the fine material in a hopper is only decreasing in amount from said hopper into said transport pipe, on the basis of a measured value of the weight of the fine material in said hopper, and to actuate said integrator during said prescribed period of time; a divider for calculating the correction coefficient k , i.e., the ratio (W/S) of a calculated value (W) obtained by said correction controller to an integrated value (S) obtained by said integrator; and a multiplier for calculating a corrected value of the flow rate of the fine material flowing through said transport pipe, by multiplying said calculated value obtained by said flow rate calculating means with said correction coefficient k

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DUAL PHASE BLOOD FLOW SYSTEM AND METHOD OF OPERATION

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A blood flow system for processing blood has two phases of operation, an arterial phase and a venous phase. During the arterial phase, the system is filled with blood through operation of an arterial blood pump. When a predetermined blood pressure level in the system has been at-