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(54) **Assembly**

(57) The present invention relates to a modular containment assembly of novel component parts which by virtue of its inherent versatility is straightforward and inexpensive to assemble whilst providing improved per-

formance and cleanliness thereby minimising the potential for product contamination. More particularly, the component parts are an operator booth and a modular structure comprising a plurality of unitary frameworks between which (in use) is induced an airflow.

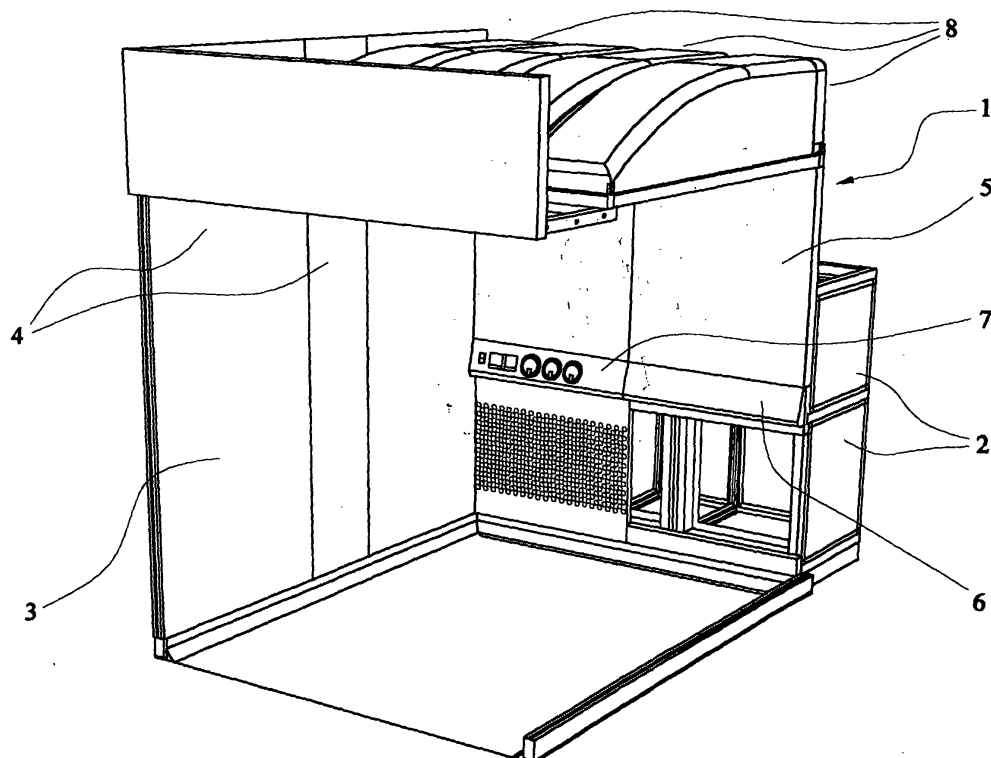


FIG. 1



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Reason for the limitation of the search:

In view of the wording of claims 29, 30 presently on file, which render it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, the present application fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 84 EPC (see also Rule 29(5) EPC) to such an extent that a meaningful search is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear (and concise), namely the modular containment assembly disclosed in claims 1-28.

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