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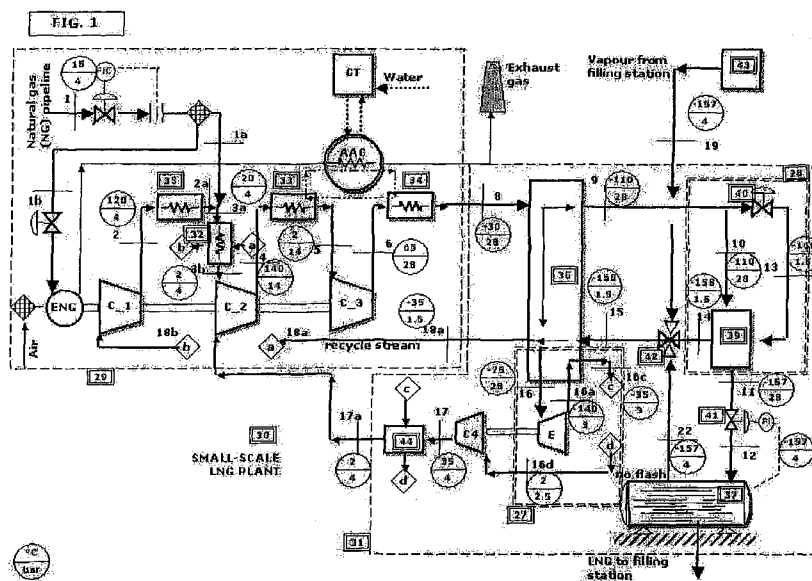
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(57) **Abstract:** Plant (30) for the liquefaction of natural gas (NG), characterized in that gas comes from a low pressure reservoir, in particular, a pipeline (1) or a stranded well, and such gas (1) is joined to a low pressure recycle stream in a methane expansion cycle and it is compressed fairly by a methane compressor (C) that is integrated with a cooling system that pre-cools the unique combined stream of methane (1a) and refrigerant (18a).



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