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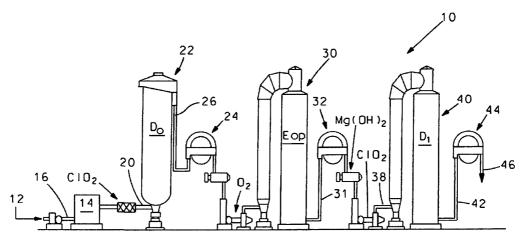
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(57) **Abstract:** This invention relates to an improved bleaching process for bleaching pulp comprising at least one bleaching stage which comprises treating a softwood pulp with a bleaching agent comprising CIO2 in the presence of a weak base such as, for example, Mg(OH)₂ preferably at pH from about 3.5 to about 6.5. The invention is also relates a bleaching process for bleaching pulp having two or more bleaching stages, at least one of which and preferably two of which comprises treating a pulp with a bleaching agent comprising CIO2 in the presence of a weak base such as, for example, Mg(OH)₂ preferably at pH from about 3.5 to about 4.5.

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