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(54) **Modular wall system**

(57) Modular wall system comprising vertically positioned wall panels and a channel having an elongated accommodation opening for accommodation of a utility duct from an outer side of the modular wall system. The

utility duct can be accommodated in the channel, as a result of which the duct can largely be shielded against dust settling down. The degree of dust accumulation on the wall can therefore be limited.

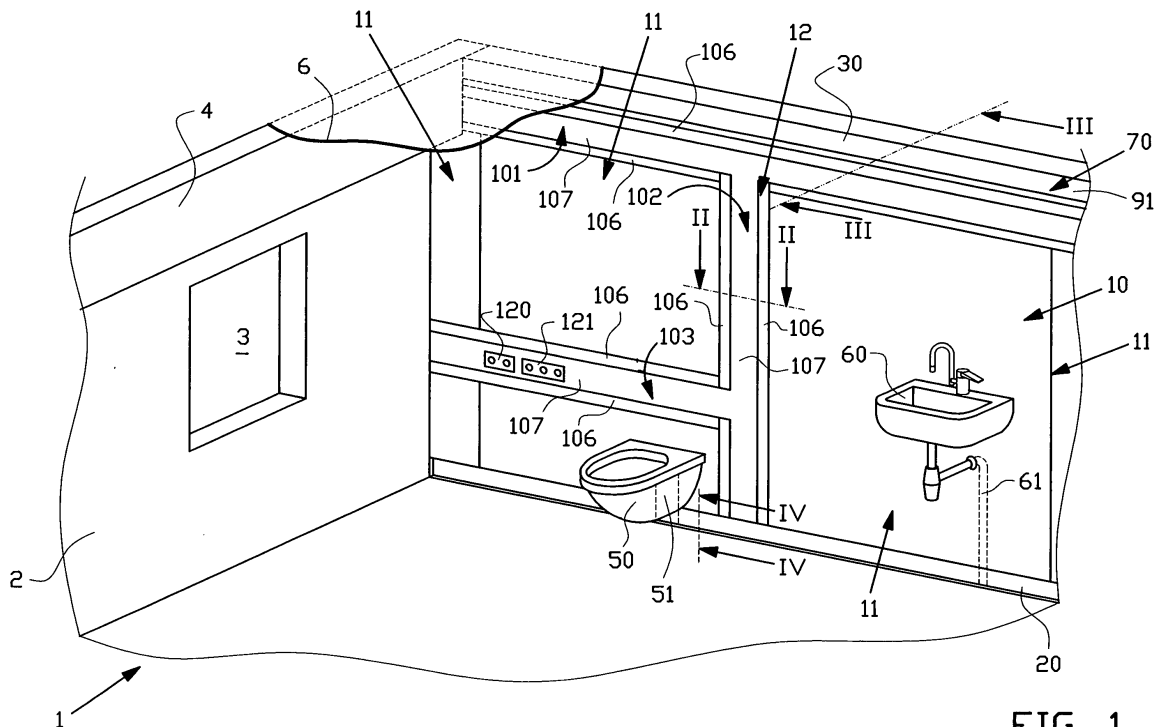


FIG. 1



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1. claims: 1-13

"Horizontal channel" providing access to electrical conduits
along a length of wall

2. claims: 14-17

"Finishing profile for the upper edge" preventing dust from
setting on the top of the panels

3. claims: 18-23

"Skirting board structure" providing vertical adjustable
support for the wall panels

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