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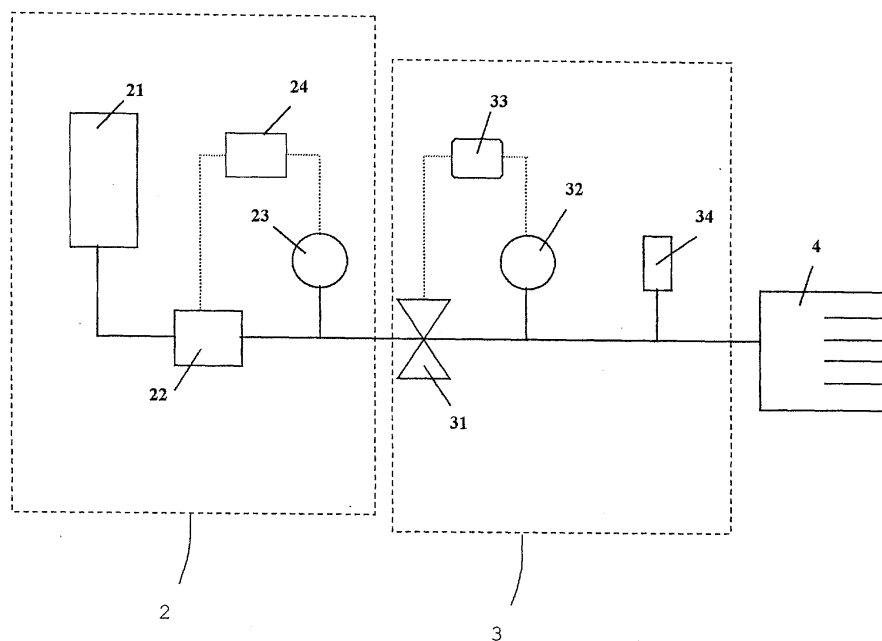
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(54) **System for supplying a printing apparatus**

(57) A system for supplying a printing apparatus comprising a primary hydraulic circuit (2) that allows ink to flow from a supply reservoir (21) with a substantially constant pressure and a secondary hydraulic circuit (3),

positioned between said primary circuit and a printhead (4). The secondary circuit comprises a regulation electrovalve (31), a second pressure sensor (32), an electronic regulation circuit (33) and a hydraulic pumping device (34).

Fig. 1





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Reason for the limitation of the search:

The subject-matter of claim 3 concerns a hydraulic capacity including "two suitably shaped opposite drums". In the description there are no more details: see page 5 lines 21-24. In figure 1 the only information is the rectangle 34. From the application it is not possible to know the shape of the drums, their material, their arrangement, how they are attached in the circuit, how they function. The term "hydraulic capacity" is very broad and does not deliver further useful information. Consequently the skilled person does not have sufficient information to carry out the feature of the "two suitably shaped opposite drums", and therefore the subject-matter of claim 3 does not meet the requirements of Art. 83 EPC.

In claim 3 only the feature "hydraulic capacity" has been searched. The feature of the "two suitably shaped opposite drums" has not been searched.

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