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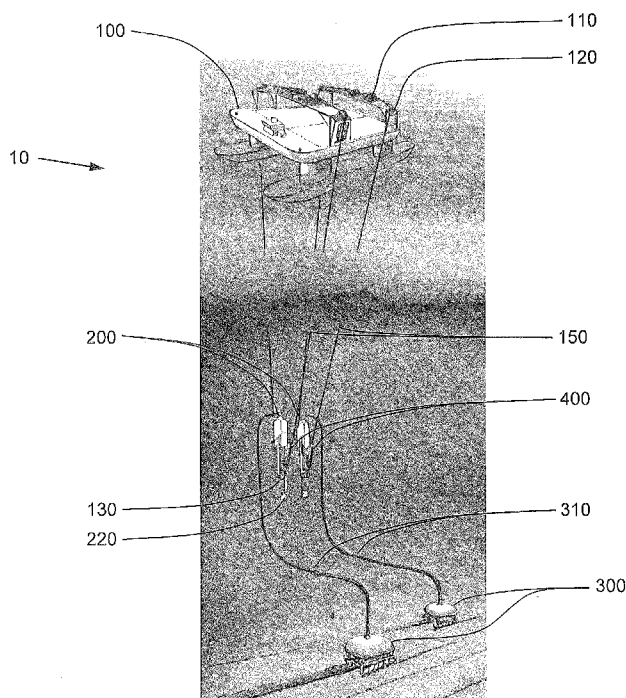


FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: A seafloor haulage system (10), for lifting sea-
floor materials from the seafloor to the surface, that has a line
member (150), preferably synthetic rope, that extends at least
partially between the seafloor and the surface and a container
(400), preferably a plurality of containers, capable of carrying
a load connected to the line member (150). The containers
have a steerable element (410), such as a rudder, that enables
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