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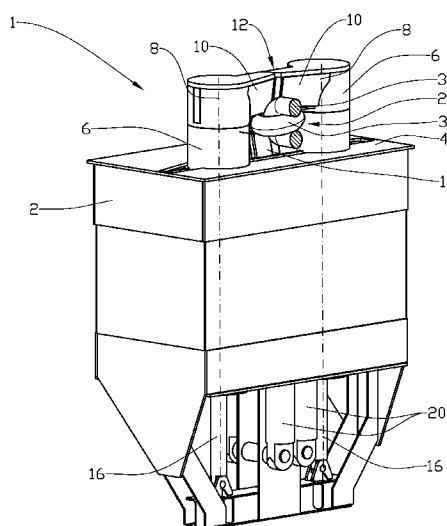


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A tow line controlling device (1) and a method of operation of a tow line controlling device (1) where the tow line controlling device (1) is positioned in a deck (4) of a vessel where the tow line controlling device (1) includes at least two tow pins (6) that are movable between a passive position and at least one active position, and where a gap between two of the tow pins (6) is spanned by a bridge (12) at least when the tow pins (6) are in one of their active positions, wherein a lower stopper (18) that is movable between a passive position and at least one active position, is positioned between two of the tow pins (6).