system comprises a handling element for cooperation with the equipment to be handled; wherein the handling element is movable in a XY-plane underneath the cantilever, such that the equipment for the independent operations is positioned and handled underneath the drilling floor, wherein the XY-plane is a plane below the cantilever approximately parallel to a bottom side of the cantilever.

According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a cantilever for mounting on a drilling installation, wherein the cantilever is provided with a handling system at a lower end thereof for handling equipment independent of drilling operations on a drilling floor on the cantilever at an upper end of the cantilever, wherein the handling system comprises a handling element that is arranged for movement in a XY-plane underneath the cantilever.

According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a handling system configured to mount to a cantilever for handling equipment underneath the cantilever, comprising a handling element for cooperation with the equipment, wherein the handling element is arranged for movement in a XY-plane, wherein the XY-plane is a plane below the cantilever approximately parallel to a bottom side of the cantilever.

According to yet another aspect of the invention, there is provided a method for performing operations on wells independent of drilling operations on a drilling installation having a drilling floor on a cantilever with the cantilever extendible outside of the drilling installation, comprising providing a handling system for handling equipment to perform the independent operations, wherein the handling system comprises a handling element for cooperation with the equipment, moving the handling element in an XY-plane underneath the cantilever to a position in accordance with a determined well head.

Further advantageous embodiments are represented in the subclaims.

32. Drilling installation according to any of the claims 24 – 31, further comprising an equipment station at a side of the drilling installation facing the handling system, for example configured as a foldable texas deck.

33. Drilling installation according to any of the claims 24 – 32, wherein the handling system is removable connected to the cantilever for storage on the drilling installation during non-use of the handling system.

34. Cantilever for mounting on a drilling installation, wherein the cantilever is provided with a handling system at a lower end thereof for handling equipment independent of drilling operations on a drilling floor on the cantilever at an upper end of the cantilever, wherein the handling system comprises a handling element that is arranged for movement in a XY-plane underneath the cantilever.

35. Handling system configured to mount to a cantilever according to claim 34 for handling equipment underneath the cantilever independent of drilling operations, comprising a handling element for cooperation with the equipment, wherein the handling element is arranged for movement in a XY-plane, wherein the XY-plane is a plane below the cantilever approximately parallel to a bottom side of the cantilever.

36. Handling system according to claim 35, wherein the handling system comprises a segmented beam extending in the XY-plane, wherein the handling element is arranged on a free end of the segmented beam.

37. Handling system according to claim 36, wherein an end of the segmented beam opposite of the free end is connectable to the cantilever.

38. Handling system according to claim 37, wherein the connectable end is adjustable with respect to the cantilever in a Z-direction transverse to the XY-plane.

39. Handling system according to claim 36 or 38, wherein the handling system is disconnectedly mountable to the cantilever.

40. Method for performing operations on wells independent of drilling operations on a drilling installation having a drilling floor on cantilever with the cantilever extendible outside of the drilling installation, comprising providing a handling system for handling equipment to perform the independent operations, wherein the handling system comprises a handling element for cooperation with the equipment, moving the handling element in an XY-plane underneath the cantilever to a position in accordance with a determined well head.

41. Method according to claim 40, further moving the handling system and/or the handling element in a Z-direction downwards for lowering equipment, such as a well intervention stack or a blowout preventer to the determined well head.