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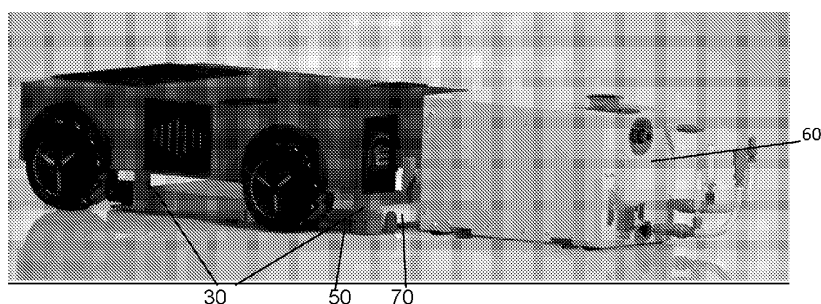


Figure 8

(57) Abstract: A transport device (10) for transporting loads (60) in a confined space and a method of moving vacuum system components in a sub fab are disclosed. The transport device comprises: wheels (12) configured to both support and move the transport device on a surface; and a drive mechanism for driving the wheels. A load bearing mechanism (50) is mounted to be movable between a lowered position adjacent to the surface and at least one raised position, a support frame (20) configured to support the load bearing mechanism, comprising a front wall (24), two side walls (22) and an open back (26). The load bearing mechanism is mounted such that the side walls and front wall of the support frame extend around the load bearing mechanism in at least one of the raised and lowered positions. There is at least one actuator (40) mounted on one of the walls of the support frame for raising and lowering the load bearing mechanism and the wheels are mounted adjacent to the side walls of the support frame and support the two side walls at four locations, such that a centre of gravity of the transport device is between the four locations.

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