

Abstract**CONTAINER HANDLING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

- 5 A spreader system comprising: a pair of couplable spreader; a first of the pair of spreaders having at least one projection, said projection arranged to selectively extend from a coupling end of the first spreader into an aperture at a coupling end of the second spreader, when said spreaders are proximate to each other; wherein, on receiving the at least one projection into said corresponding aperture, a load transfer couple is formed
- 10 such that the two couplable spreaders are arranged to act as a single unitary spreader.

Figure 6A