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(54) Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR USE IN HANDLING A LOAD (57) Abstract Apparatus and a method for use in handling a load is described. The apparatus includes a load-bearing rope (1, 19), and a mechanism for paying out and recovering the rope (1, 19). There is also a drum (3, 12, 15, 16) for holding a service cable (2, 17) with a length of the service cable (2, 17) extending from the drum (3, 12, 15, 16). A wrapping device rotates the length of service cable (2, 17) around the rope (1, 19) as the rope (1, 19) is payed out to wrap the service cable (2, 17) around the rope (1, 19), and to unwrap the service cable (2, 17) from the rope (1, 19) as the rope is recovered. 		

