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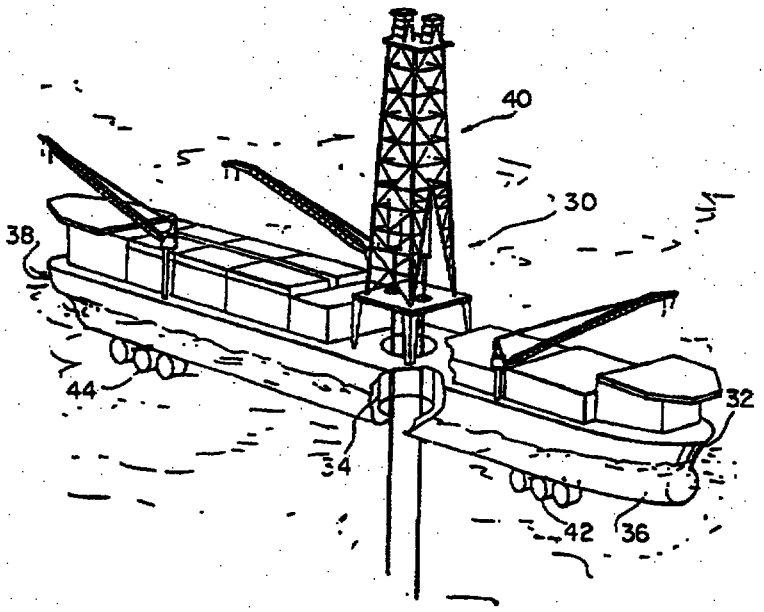
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(57) Abstract

A multi-activity drillship (30) method and apparatus having a single derrick (40) and multiple tubular activity stations within the derrick (40) wherein primary drilling activity may be conducted from the derrick (40) and simultaneously auxiliary drilling activity may be conducted from the same derrick (40) to reduce the length of the primary drilling activiy critical path.