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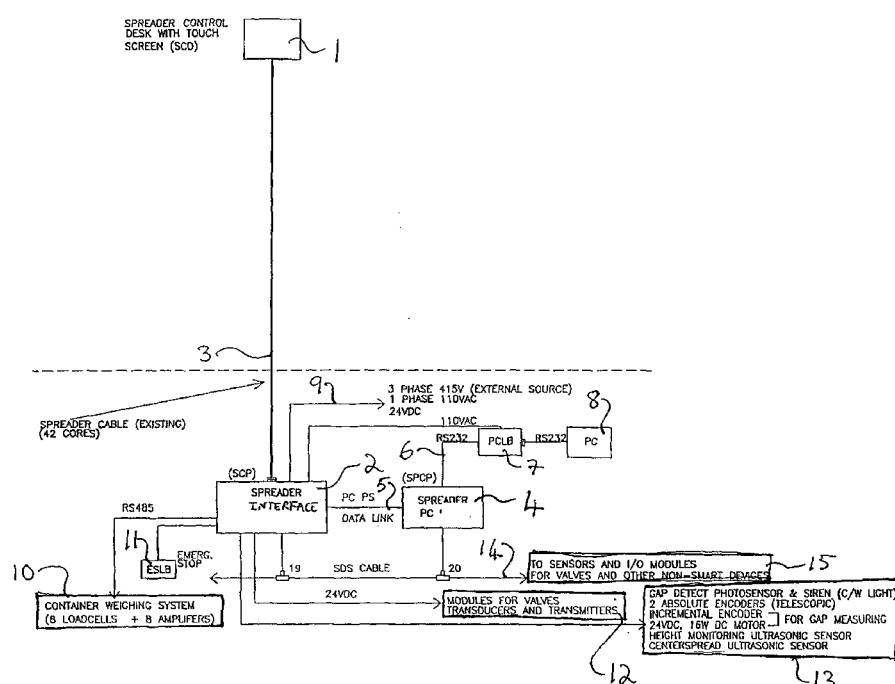
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(57) Abstract: A spreader for lifting freight containers includes a frame having a number of pickup elements mounted thereon, a processor (4) and a data storage device (4) mounted on the frame. The processor (4) is coupled to an interface device (2) to receive outputs from a number of sensors (10, 13, 15) mounted on the spreader and to store data received from the sensors (10, 13, 15) in the data storage device (4).