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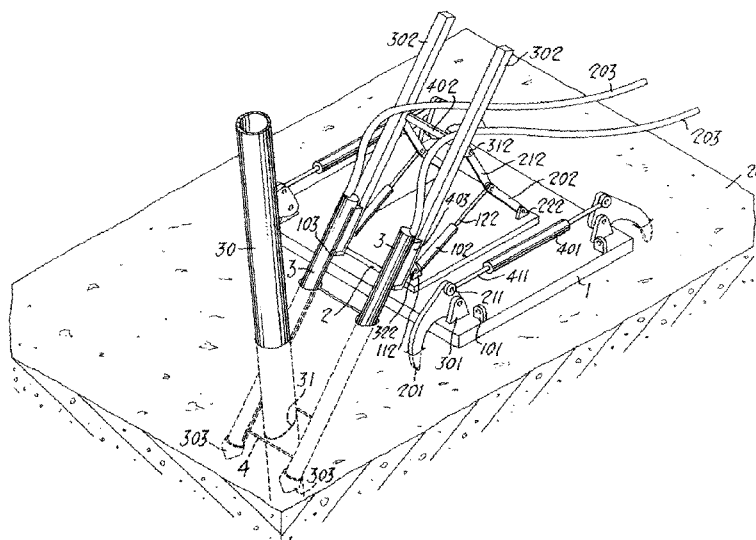
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(57) **Abstract:** A method for the cutting of underwater structures below the level of the sea bottom on which they are installed, comprising the following phases: determination of the ideal plane of cutting, having considered the characteristic features of the structure (30) i.e. its morphology and its positioning on the bottom (20), the shape and consistency of the bottom (20) itself, and the depth below the level of the bottom (20) at which the cut must be effected; positioning and anchoring of the cutting means (1, 2, 3, 4; 5, 2, 3, 4; 7, 8, 2, 3, 4; 9, 2, 3, 4) in proximity of the cutting area; obtainment of at least one perforation or boring (21) in proximity of the structure (30) through the bottom (20) at least up to the predetermined level for the cutting of the structure, along a direction parallel to the cutting direction and preferably lying on the cutting plane; and introduction of the cutting means (3, 4) inside said perforation or boring (21) and cutting of the structure (30); and an apparatus for carrying out said method.



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