

Abstract**IMPROVED METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SAND UNLOADING AND DELIVERY**

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A method of unloading sand from a ship, the method comprising the steps of: providing at least one hold within said ship, said hold containing a volume of unsaturated sand; flowing water into the hold, using water jets, and consequently; saturating a portion of the unsaturated sand; creating a pond of surface water on the sand within the saturated
10 portion; agitating sand within the saturation zone so as to place sand particles into suspension within the pond; pumping out said suspended sand from the ship to a designated location.

Figure 2

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