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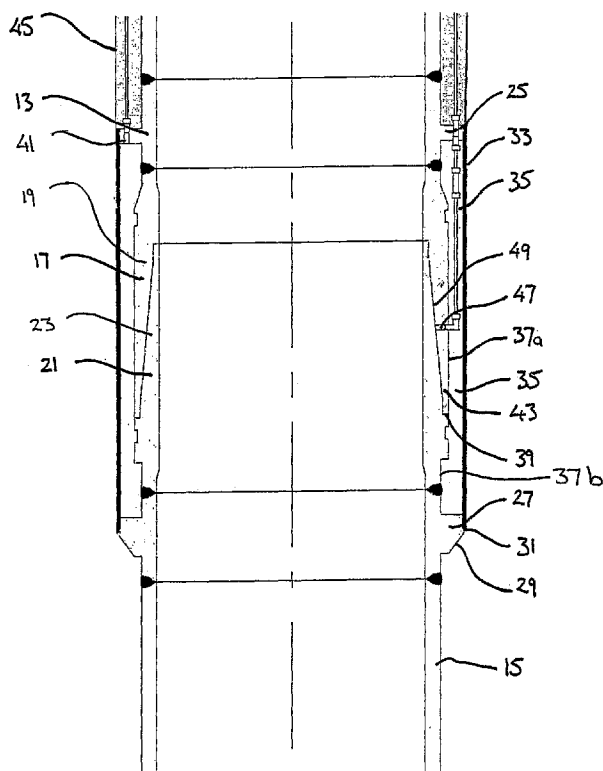
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(54) Title: CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY



(57) Abstract: A connector assembly (11) comprising a first hollow member which may be in the form of a first casing (13), and a second hollow member which may be in the form of a second casing (15). The first casing (13) has a first end (17) adapted to releasably retain a second end (21) of the second casing (15) therein. The connector assembly (11) further comprises a jacket (33) secured around a first outer portion adjacent the first end (17) of the first casing (13), and a second outer portion adjacent the second end (21) of the second casing (15). In use the jacket (33) bears against or is adjacent to a wall of a bore of a well. A sealed cavity (35) is defined between the jacket (33) and the outer portions of the casings (13, 15). When the connector (11) is assembled the cavity (33) is filled with a fluid and is in fluid communication with a vent (41). During disconnection of the first casing (13) from the second casing (15), the fluid in the cavity (35) is discharged from the cavity (35) through the vent (41) allowing the jacket (33) to move inwardly away from the bore wall to assist removal of the first casing (13) from the bore as it detaches from the second casing (15).



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