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ABSTRACT

An improved process for the destruction
of undersea objects, notably immersed mines.

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The invention offers a process for the destruction of an undersea object such as, to give an example, a seabed mine (MF) or an anchored mine (MO), consisting of a stage of detection and/or identification of the object by the use of facilities for detection and/or identification of the object from a distance greater than a set minimum distance called the safe distance, and a stage of destruction of the object by means of an explosive charge (C) that bursts to cause explosion or fragmentation of the mine, operating the charge so that it approaches the object from an intermediate undersea base (EF) placed on the seabed and then bursts, characterised by the fact that the charge (C) is carried by a vehicle (EPC) which is operated from the intermediate base (EF) to which it is connected by a connecting cable (CL) of length that is controlled in order to control movements of the vehicle (EPC).

(Figure 3)