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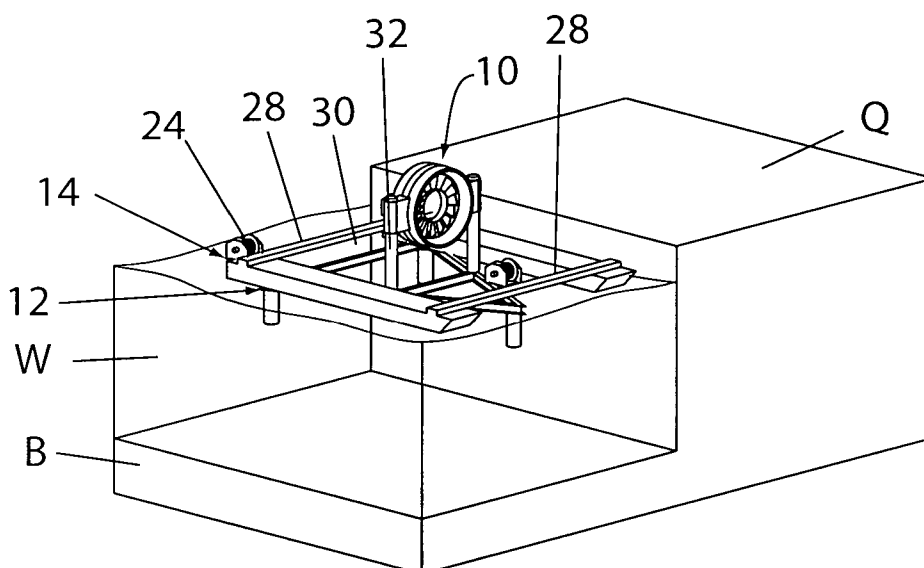


Fig. 6

(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with a system and method for the deployment of a hydroelectric turbine, and comprises a base and vessel beneath which the base can be secured, and to which base, from above deck, a hydroelectric turbine can be secured to the base and subsequently released with the base from the vessel.