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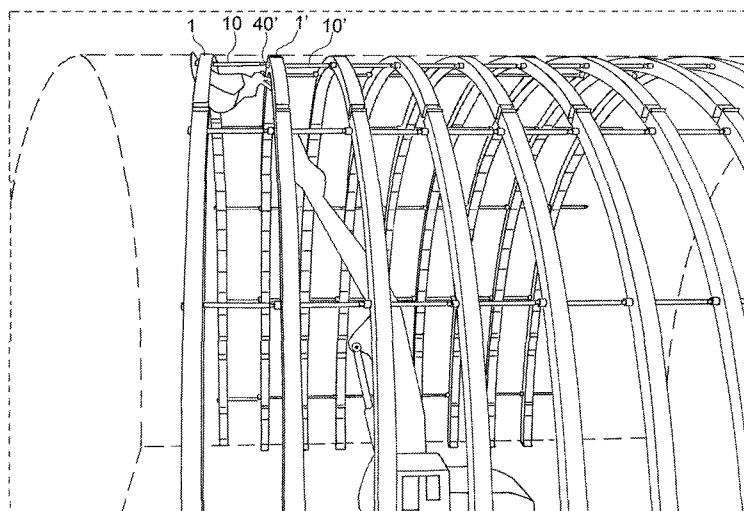


FIG.9

(57) Abstract: A rib for supporting and consolidating an excavation comprises at least a first structural element (5A) and at least one connection element (10) for connecting the said structural element (5A) of the said rib to a corresponding connection element (10') of an adjacent rib (1'), the said connection element (10) being capable of engaging through translatory motion with the said corresponding connection element (10') of the adjacent rib.



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