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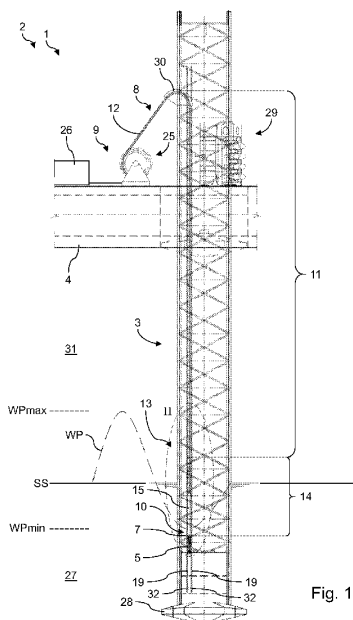


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: Seawater intake system for a jack-up vessel having legs and a hull, comprising: a submersible pump having an inlet and an outlet; a seawater channel having a proximal end to be arranged at the hull and a distal end to be connected to the outlet of the submersible pump, wherein at least a proximal section of the seawater channel is formed by a flexible hose, the proximal section being adjacent the proximal end; and an adjustable stiffening arrangement for at least selectively providing to a distal section of the seawater channel increased bending stiffness compared to a bending stiffness of the flexible hose, the distal section extending between the proximal section and the distal end.

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