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ABSTRACT

A protective pipe section for providing mechanical protection for electrical/optical cable, particularly submarine cable. The pipe section comprises two shells (A and B) which when mated form an intermediate pipe section having a hollow hemispherical section (4 and 5) at either end. One end section (5) includes a pivotable clamping arrangement ((7, 8, 11 and 12). The clamping arrangement permits a plurality of pipe sections to be concatenated without the need for fastening the shells (A, B) together. Each succeeding pipe section locks the shells of the preceding pipe section together. The hemispherical sections provide articulation.

Figure 8.