WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for coupling a tensioner cylinder to a riser comprising:

a top pin connection disposed at a first distal end of the tensioner cylinder, wherein the top pin connection rotatably couples the tensioner cylinder to a platform; wherein the tensioner cylinder comprises an extension rod;

a bottom pin connection disposed at a second distal end of the tensioner cylinder, wherein the bottom pin connection is disposed on the extension rod;

a tension ring coupled to the riser;

an adjustable linkage system coupled to the tensioner cylinder, the adjustable linkage system comprising an attachment mechanism and a positioning mechanism, wherein the adjustable linkage system is operable to couple the tensioner cylinder to the tension ring;

wherein the attachment mechanism comprises a retention device disposed on the tension ring,

wherein the positioning mechanism rotates the tensioner cylinder about the top pin connection between a first position and a second position; and

wherein the bottom pin connection is disengaged from the retention device when the tensioner cylinder is in the first position, and wherein the bottom pin connection is directly engaged with the retention device when the tensioner cylinder is in the second position.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the retention device is activatable to lock the bottom pin connection against the tension ring.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the retention device is selectively activated and deactivated.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises:

a flexible member, wherein a first distal end of the flexible member is coupled to a mounting point on the tensioner cylinder; and

a rotation device coupled to the platform, wherein a second distal end of the flexible member is coupled to the rotation device.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises a double acting rotation mechanism, the double acting rotation mechanism comprising a double acting rotation cylinder, wherein the double acting rotation cylinder is coupled to the tensioner cylinder via a solid link.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises a mechanical link, wherein a first distal end of the mechanical link is coupled to the tensioner cylinder and a second distal end of the mechanical link is coupled to a cylinder on the platform.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the mechanical link is routed through the tension ring.

8. The system of claim 6, wherein the cylinder is selected from a group consisting of a hydraulic cylinder and a pneumatic cylinder.

9. The system of claim 6, wherein the mechanical link is a non-marring strap.

10. The system of claim 6, wherein the tensioner cylinder moves towards the tension ring as the tension ring is lowered.

11. The system of claim 1, wherein the system comprises a first tensioner cylinder and a second tensioner cylinder and wherein the positioning mechanism comprises a mechanical link, wherein a first distal end of the mechanical link is coupled to the first tensioner cylinder and a second distal end of the mechanical link is coupled to the second tensioner cylinder.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the positioning mechanism is operable to move the first tensioner cylinder and the second tensioner cylinder towards each other.

13. The system of claim 1, wherein the adjustable linkage system is removably coupled to the tensioner cylinder.

14. A method of coupling one or more tensioner cylinders to a riser comprising:

coupling a tension ring to the riser;

rotatably coupling a first distal end of a first tensioner cylinder to a platform at a top pin connection;

providing a bottom pin connection at a second distal end of the first tensioner cylinder;

coupling an adjustable linkage system to the first tensioner cylinder, the adjustable linkage system comprising an attachment mechanism and a positioning mechanism;

activating the positioning mechanism, wherein the positioning mechanism rotates the first tensioner cylinder about the top pin connection between a first position and a second position; and

activating the attachment mechanism, wherein the attachment mechanism comprises a retention device disposed on the tension ring, and wherein the attachment mechanism couples the bottom pin connection of the first tensioner cylinder to the tension ring;

wherein the bottom pin connection is disengaged from the retention device when the tensioner cylinder is in the first position, and wherein the bottom pin connection is directly engaged with the retention device when the tensioner cylinder is in the second position.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises:

a flexible member, wherein a first distal end of the flexible member is coupled to a mounting point on the first tensioner cylinder; and

a rotation device coupled to the platform, wherein a second distal end of the flexible member is coupled to the rotation device.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises a double acting rotation mechanism, the double acting rotation mechanism comprising a double acting rotation cylinder, wherein the double acting rotation cylinder is coupled to the first tensioner cylinder via a solid link.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises a mechanical link, wherein a first distal end of the mechanical link is coupled to the first tensioner cylinder and a second distal end of the mechanical link is coupled to a cylinder on the platform.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising routing the mechanical link through the tension ring.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the cylinder is selected from a group consisting of a hydraulic cylinder and a pneumatic cylinder.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the mechanical link is a non-marring strap.

21. The method of claim 17, further comprising lowering the tension ring, wherein the tensioner cylinder moves towards the tension ring as the tension ring is lowered.

22. The method of claim 14, further comprising

rotatably coupling a first distal end of a second tensioner cylinder to the platform at a top pin connection;

providing a bottom pin connection at a second distal end of the second tensioner cylinder;

coupling the second tensioner cylinder to the adjustable linkage system; and

coupling the bottom pin connection of the second tensioner cylinder to the tension ring.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises a mechanical link; wherein a first distal end of the mechanical link is coupled to the first tensioner cylinder and a second distal end of the mechanical link is coupled to the second tensioner cylinder; and wherein activating the positioning mechanism moves the first tensioner cylinder and the second tensioner cylinder towards each other.