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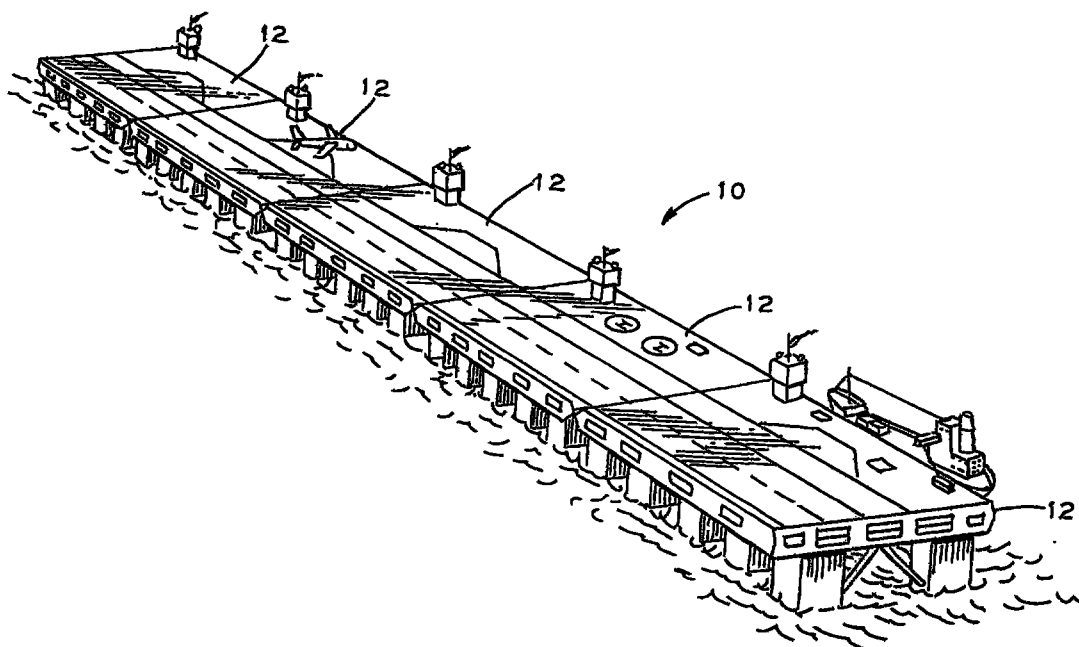
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(57) Abstract

A mobile offshore base (10) is formed from several individual single base units (12) that are connected together at sea to form the complete base. The complete base (10) forms a runway and support base for fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft and also provides space for stowage and transport of equipment and personnel. The single base units (12) are similar semi-submersible units that are linked together by hinges and/or U-joints to form the complete mobile offshore base (10). Each single base unit (12) is self-propelled and is also capable of independent operations at widely separated locations. The single base units are each formed from lower hulls, columns that extend upward from the lower hulls, and an upper hull attached to the columns.