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(54) Title: **PILE DRIVING**

(57) Abstract

A pile guide (1) has an open-ended tubular guide member (3), supported on base frame (2), which is adapted slidably to receive a pile (7) to be driven into the seabed (9) by means of hammer (6). The tubular guide member (3) comprises two parts (4) which are held together in the operative position by a latch (14). As the pile (7) is driven into the seabed (9), latch trigger (8) disengages the latch (14) causing the parts (4) to rotate under gravity about points (12) away from the pile (7). As soon as the parts (4) are remote from the pile (7), the pile (7) may be driven fully into the seabed without the hammer fouling the guide member (3).

