

SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL

5 ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a semi-submersible vessel having a transit state and an operative state, the vessel comprising: a first hull having a first topside; a second hull having a second topside; a platform adapted to connect the first and second hulls; and at least one lifting device, wherein the first and second hulls are asymmetrical hulls, and the height of the vessel at the first hull is different relative to the height of the vessel at the second hull, and wherein the first and second hulls are adapted to be ballasted into a water body in the operative state. The present invention also relates to a method of lifting a load at an offshore site of a water body utilizing a semi-submersible vessel of the present invention.

Figure 1