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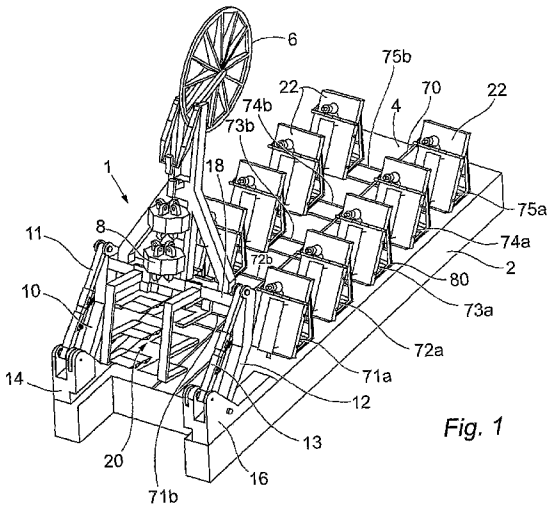


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: An apparatus to be mounted on a vessel for a laying a marine pipeline having accessories on the end of the pipeline and/or at one or more intermediate locations along the pipeline, said apparatus comprising a pipeline launch ramp (1) having pipeline guide means (6) for guiding and controlling the movement of a pipeline along a pipeline firing line in the direction of the seabed, pipeline clamping means (30) downstream of the guide means for selectively clamping and supporting the launched pipeline, wherein said launch ramp is provided with an opening (30) downstream of said guide means and upstream of said clamping means for passage of an accessory between a storage position and an installation location in the pipeline firing line to allow the accessory to be connected to an end of the pipeline supported by said clamping means.

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