

System for loading and unloading fluid, related installation and method**ABSTRACT**

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The system (18) comprises a reference structure (42), and a fluid transfer pipe (44) for extending from a fluid receiving structure (16) to the reference structure (42).

10 It comprises an intermediate floating connection unit (46) comprising a pontoon (80), a flexible pipe (82) for connecting to a port on the floating transport structure (14), and a transfer connector (84) between the flexible connection pipe (82) and the pipe (44).

The system (18) comprises at least one rigid link (48) for mounting the unit (46) onto the reference structure (42) allowing at least one degree of freedom between the unit (46) and the reference structure (42), the intermediate floating unit (46) being designed to be
15 permanently uncoupled from the floating transport structure (14).

[Fig. 1]