

**ABSTRACT****AN UNDERSEA DRILLING TEMPLATE**

An undersea drilling template (20) adapted to be lowered on to a seabed (22) by a drill pipe (24). The template (20) comprises a template base (28), and at least one arm (30) having a releasable clamping assembly (42) for releasably connecting the template (20) to the drill pipe (24). The clamping assembly (20) is adapted to be clamped to the drill pipe (24) during lowering of the template (20) and release from the drill pipe (24) when the lowering is completed.