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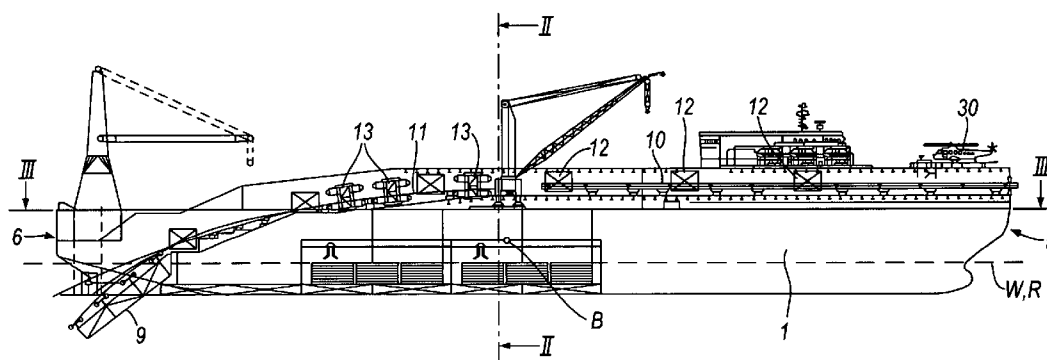


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A monohull vessel for laying a pipeline includes tensioners 13 disposed along a Pipelaying path P. The pipelaying path P includes an upstream portion that is substantially horizontal and at least 10 m above the centre of rolling R of the vessel and, towards a stern end of the vessel hull, a downstream portion that is downwardly inclined and, in use, enters the water at a location inboard of the stern end of the vessel hull 1.

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