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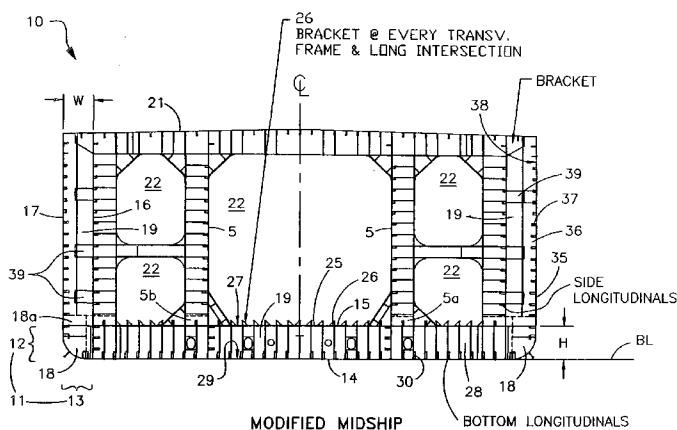
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a rebuilt hull tanker (10) and a method of rebuilding an existing single hull tanker (1) into a rebuilt double hull tanker (10). The rebuilt double hull tanker includes a rebuilt double hull comprising a new double bottom hull and new double side hulls. The internally rebuilt double bottom hull includes the existing outer bottom hull (14) and a new inner bottom hull (15) that is disposed internal and spaced apart from the existing outer bottom hull. The externally rebuilt double side hulls include the existing inner side hulls (16) and new outer side hulls (17) disposed external and spaced apart from the existing inner side hull. The rebuilt double bottom hull is connected at each end to the rebuilt sidehulls. The method includes forming the new double hull, including a new double bottom hull and new double side hulls, over at least the cargo carrying portion (72) of the tanker by installing the new inner bottom hull internally over the existing outer bottom hull through access holes (80) cut into the sides of the tanker and installing the new double side hulls externally over the existing inner side hulls.

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