Claims

1. A mobile offshore platform having:

a platform hull allowing the platform to float;

at least three legs movably guided relative to the platform hull for vertical movement relative to the platform hull;

a leg drive for driving movement of the legs between a lowered operating position in which the platform hull is jacked up from a floating level and a transport position in which a major portion of the legs project above the floating platform hull;

an elongate cantilever movable in longitudinal directions of the cantilever between an extended position and a retracted position;

a movement system comprising a first guide mounted to the cantilever and oriented parallel to the cantilever for guiding movement of the cantilever in the longitudinal directions, a second guide mounted to the platform hull and oriented transverse to the cantilever for guiding movement of the cantilever in the directions transverse to the cantilever, and at least one support runner arranged for guided movement along the first guide and the second guide;

a proximal seafastening arrangement at a proximal end portion of the cantilever for retaining the cantilever in the retracted position in position relative to the platform hull; and

a distal seafastening arrangement distally of the proximal seafastening arrangement for retaining the cantilever in the retracted position in position relative to the platform hull, wherein, when in seafastened condition, a first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement and a second retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement in a fixed position relative to the platform hull are mutually engaged in a position under the cantilever, wherein the first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement is mounted to the cantilever.

2. A platform according to claim 1, wherein the first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement is mounted to a lower portion of the cantilever projecting downwards relative to more proximal portions of the cantilever.

3. A platform according to claim 2, wherein the first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement is mounted in a position below the first guide.

4. A platform according to claim 3, wherein the first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement is mounted in a position transverse of the at least one support runner.

5. A platform according to any of the preceding claims, wherein at least the first guide or the second guide is constituted by at least one rail.

6. A platform according to claim 5, wherein at least the first guide or the second guide is constituted by a pair of rails.

7. A platform according to claim 6, wherein the second guide is constituted by a pair of rails and wherein a first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement in fastening condition engages one of the rails of the second guide closest to a nearest side of the platform hull.

8. A platform according to any of the claims 1 – 7, wherein the distal fastening arrangement, when in a condition retaining the cantilever in the retracted position in position relative to the platform hull, allows displacement of the cantilever relative to the platform hull in longitudinal direction.

9. A platform according to claim 8, wherein the allowed displacement of the cantilever relative to the platform hull in the longitudinal direction is within a clearance larger than a clearance, if any, allowing displacement of the cantilever relative to the platform hull in the transverse direction.

10. A platform according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement is a pin projecting into an aperture when the distal seafastening arrangement is in seafastened condition.

11. A platform according to claim 10, wherein the distal seafastening arrangement includes a pin actuator for moving the pin between an extended position projecting into the aperture and a retracted position retracted out of the aperture.

12. A platform according to claim 11, wherein at least the pin, the hole or a wedging part insertable into the hole with the pin has a tapered portion for causing wedging engagement between the pin and the hole.

13. A platform according to any of the claims 10-12, wherein the pin is mounted to the cantilever and the pin-receiving aperture is provided in the second guide.

14. A platform according to claim 11 or 12 and according to claim 13, wherein the pin actuator is arranged for causing the pin to be urged towards the extended position so that the pin enters into the aperture if the aperture is in line with the pin.

15. A method for seafastening a cantilever of a mobile offshore platform having:

a platform hull allowing the platform to float;

at least three legs movably guided relative to the platform hull for vertical movement relative to the platform hull;

a leg drive for driving movement of the legs between a lowered operating position in which the platform hull is jacked up from a floating level and a transport position in which a major portion of the legs project above the floating platform hull;

an elongate cantilever movable in longitudinal directions of the cantilever between an extended position and a retracted position; and

a movement system comprising a first guide mounted to the cantilever and oriented parallel to the cantilever for guiding movement of the cantilever in the longitudinal directions, a second guide mounted to the platform hull and oriented transverse to the cantilever for guiding movement of the cantilever in the directions transverse to the cantilever, and at least one support runner arranged for guided movement along the first guide and the second guide;

wherein the cantilever is seafastened by:

fixing a proximal end portion of the cantilever relative to the platform hull for retaining the cantilever in the retracted position relative to the platform hull; and

fixing a distal end portion of the cantilever relative to the platform hull using a distal seafastening arrangement distally of the proximal seafastening arrangement, for retaining the cantilever in the retracted position in position relative to the platform hull, by causing mutual engagement in a position under the cantilever between a first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement mounted to the cantilever and a second retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement in a fixed position relative to the platform hull.

16. A method according to claim 15, further comprising transversal movement of the distal portion of the cantilever until alignment of the first retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement and the second retaining portion of the distal seafastening arrangement has been reached, after the proximal end portion has been fixed relative to the hull and before fixing the distal end portion relative to the hull.