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(54) Title: IMPROVED SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING, STORING, AND TRANSPORTING LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (57) Abstract A container is provided for storing pressurized liquefied natural gas at a pressure of about 1035 kPa (150 psia) to about 7590 kPa (1100 psia) and at a temperature of about -123 °C (-190 °F) to about -62 °C (-80 °F). The container is constructed from an ultra-high strength, low alloy steel containing less than 9 wt.% nickel and having a tensile strength greater than 830 MPa (120 ksi) and a DBTT lower than about -73 °C (-100 °F).														