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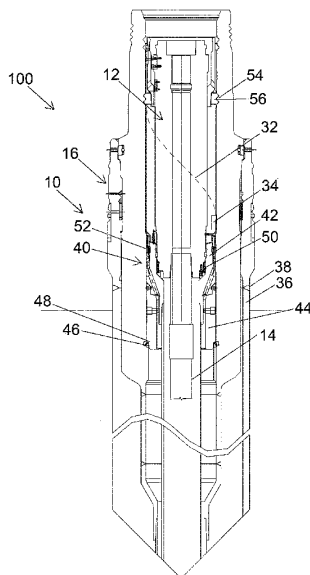


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A wellhead assembly (100) comprises a wellhead apparatus (10) having a tubular body (16) defining an axial throughbore (18), a tubing hanger (12) for supporting downhole tubing (14) and associated downhole tools and equipment within the wellhead assembly (10), and more particularly orientating the tubing hanger (12) relative to a conductor (36). The wellhead apparatus (10) comprises a tubing hanger alignment arrangement (32) which in the illustrated apparatus (10) takes the form of a helical profile provided in an axial throughbore (18) of the tubular body (16). The tubing hanger alignment arrangement (32) is configured to engage an alignment arrangement (34) of the tubing hanger (12) so as to orient the tubing hanger (12) relative to the wellhead apparatus (10) as the tubing hanger (12) is run into the tubular body (16).

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