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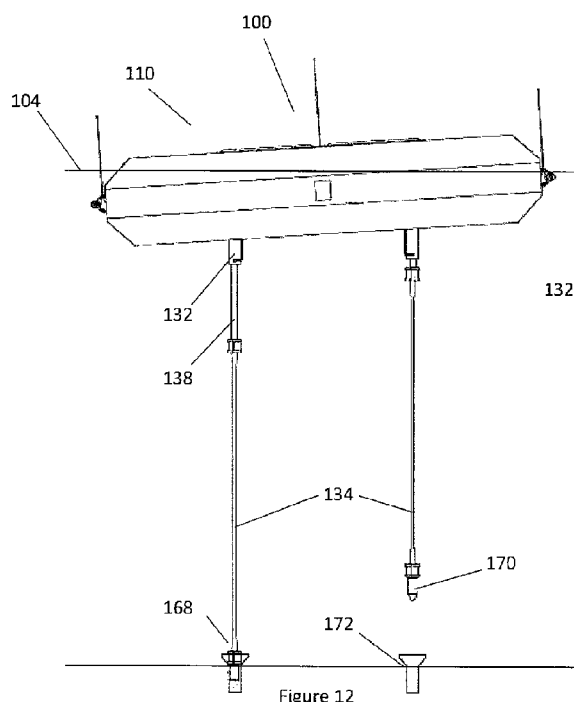
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(54) Title: DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: A wave energy conversion system (100) for harnessing wave energy in a body of water (102) and converting the harnessed wave energy to pressurised fluid, and also a method of deploying such a wave energy conversion system. The wave energy conversion system (100) comprises a unit (110) including a buoyant structure (124) responsive to wave motion, at least one pump (132) and at least one tether (134) adapted to be operably connected between the pump and a fixture (164) below the unit, whereby movement of the buoyant structure (124) relative to the fixture (164) in response to wave motion converts harnessed energy to pressurised fluid. The unit (110) is adapted to be deployed by moving the tether (134) into coupling engagement with the fixture (166) upon actuation of the pump (132) in a manner causing movement of the tether into engagement with the fixture.

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