

Figure (s) to accompany abstract

ABSTRACT

METHOD AND INSTALLATION FOR LAYING A PIPELINE

During laying of a pipeline (2) on a surface located under water, on a vessel (3) a pipe is fitted to a pipe string (12) of the pipeline, in each case during a fitting step. During the fitting step, the vessel (3) is moved substantially continuously in lengthwise direction of the pipe string (12) while the pipe is fitted to the pipe string (12) by means of positioning means (21) moved relative to the vessel (3) and is fixed by welding means (26) also moved relative to the vessel (3). According to the invention a train of positioning means (21), welding means (26) and clamping means (27) is moved during an operational phase relative to the vessel (3) lengthwise of the pipe string (12) while the pipe string (12) is held fixedly on the train by means of the clamping means (27) and the train is held fixedly on the vessel (3). During a resetting phase between two successive operational phases the train (21, 26, 27) is displaced in the direction of the prow of the vessel (3) relative to the pipe string (12) and the vessel (3).

Figure 1

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