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SUBMARINE TRENCHING VEHICLE AND METHOD

Title (de)

FAHRZEUG UND VERFAHREN ZUM SCHNEIDEN VON UNTERWASSER-BODENGRÄBEN

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PROCEDE ET ENGIN DE FORMATION DE TRANCHEES SOUS-MARINES

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[origin: WO9954556A1] A submarine trenching vehicle (1) for laying a rigid or large semi-flexible pipe (2) in a trench (3) on the sea floor (4) is disclosed. The vehicle (1) comprises a vehicle body (5) adapted to travel along the sea floor (4) and a trench cutter comprising a heavy duty chain cutter (9) for cutting a trench having substantially vertical side walls in the sea floor (4). The vehicle (1) also includes a pipe support roller system (8) for supporting the pipe (2) above the trench cutting means prior to insertion of the pipe in the sea floor, and substantially without displacement thereof in a substantially horizontal direction transverse to the axis of the pipe (2) when the trench cutting means remains within a predetermined distance in that direction of an intended trench position.

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