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Equipment for remote launching of cementing plugs

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Gerät zur Ferneinführung von Zementierstopfen

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Abstract (en)
An apparatus and methods are presented for remotely launching cementing plugs during the primary cementation of a subterranean well. The apparatus is designed to prevent premature release of the top plug during a cementing operation. The apparatus comprises a latch mechanism that closes when a top dart lands inside a cementing head, thereby restricting further downward movement. The latch reopens when a top dart lands inside a cementing head, thereby ensuring release of the top plug at the correct moment.

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