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54 **Submarine catenary offshore cable.**

57 The present invention relates to a hold and release arrangement for an offshore catenary cable (1). The hang-off head (2) of the cable (1) is releasably secured to a platform (3) or the like by means of a pin/slot arrangement (4,5). In one embodiment of the invention a part (5) of the hold and release means cooperates with a hydraulically operated wedge arrangement (10) which may be operated to release the hang-off head (2) from the platform (3).

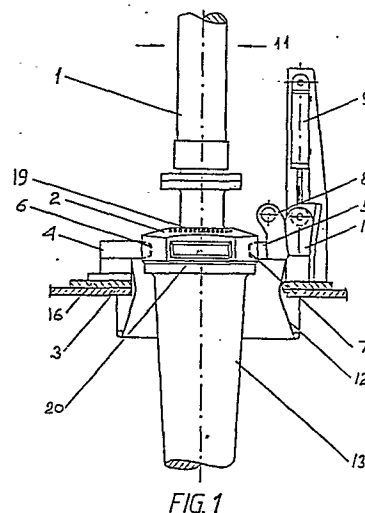


FIG. 1



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