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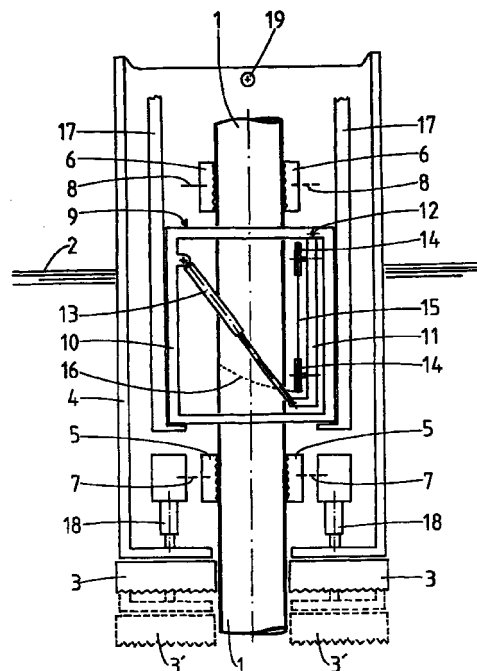
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(54) **Method and apparatus for removing the uppermost part of a construction in the seabed**

(57) When removing the uppermost part of a construction in the seabed a drilling device is applied around said construction in the seabed. Using said drilling device a drill hole is made in the seabed to a certain depth around the construction. Next a cutting device is lowered in said drill hole and cuts said construction at the desired depth from the outside. Next the part of the construction cut loose can be removed together with the drilling device and the cutting device.



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