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(54) Mooring systems

(57) A mooring system for the mooring of a tanker or production vessel at an offshore oil production site comprises a plurality of anchor lines, for example four (1,2,3,4), each having a sea-bed anchor at its distal end, an anchor line assembly unit (5) through which passes at least one (2,3) of the anchor lines and to which each of the other anchor lines (1,4) is secured at its proximal end, a swivel unit (6) to which the proximal end of each passing anchor line (2,3) is attached, and a sub-surface buoyancy device (7) also attached to the swivel unit,

each passing anchor line (2,3) having a stop member (12) for limiting the travel of the assembly unit (5) along the line in a direction towards its distal end. A mooring line (8) is also attached to the swivel unit (6), and a messenger line (9) having surface marker buoys (56) for location and pick-up of the mooring is attached to the mooring line. In a loading or production system at least one riser hose (10) is attached to the swivel unit (6) for communication through the swivel unit to a respective continuation hose (11) for connection to the moored vessel.

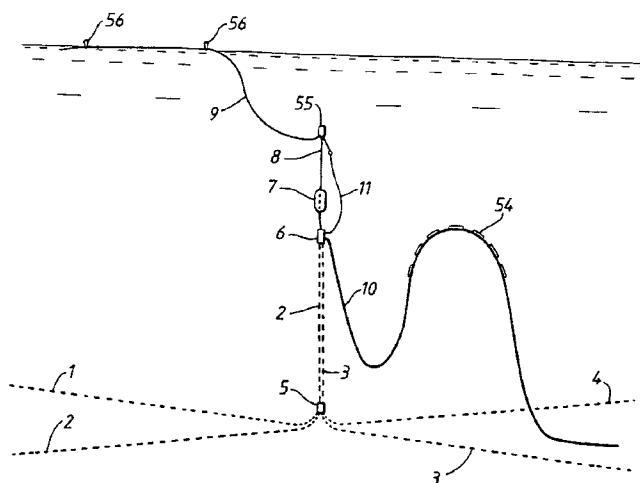


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