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(54) **Semi-submersible vehicles**

(57) A semi-submersible vehicle 1 comprising a vehicle housing 2, a propelling device 3 connected to the housing 2 to move the vessel, a strut 4 extending from the top of the housing 2, and optionally an engine 6 at the top of the strut 4 above the water surface. The en-

gine 6 is connected to drive the propelling device 3. The vehicle 1 is adapted to be sufficiently buoyant such that it maintains the vessel housing 2 substantially at a pre-determined level under the water with the strut 4 extending out of the water.

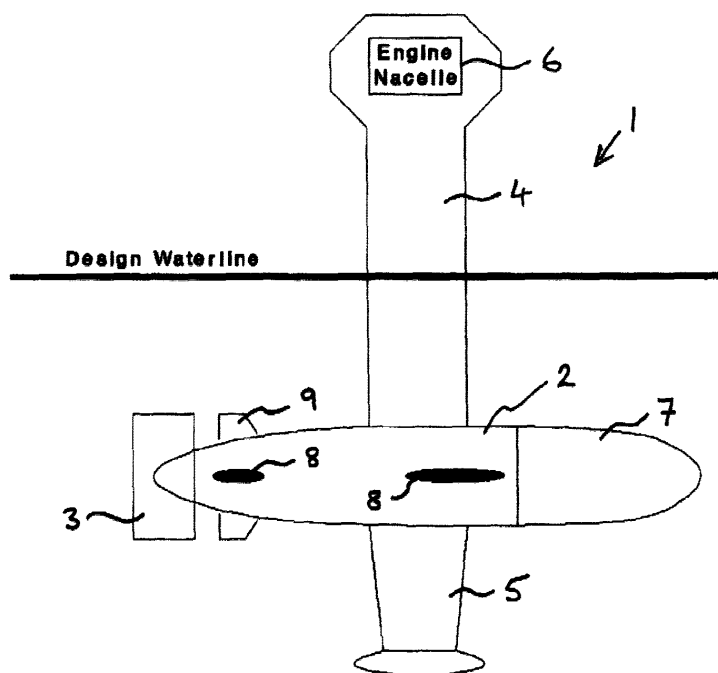


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