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(54) **Apparatus and method for submerging a water construction element**

(57) An apparatus for positioning a hydraulic construction element on a floor below a water surface, provided with a sink opening through which the hydraulic construction element is to be lowered, having in, above or below the sink opening a supporting device for the hydraulic construction element, which supporting device is to be lowered from the sink opening and which sup-

porting device is embodied so as to be able to split for the release of the hydraulic construction element (3), wherein the supporting device (5) comprises a first series of straps (7) and a second series of straps (8) that can be coupled to and removed from each other near the middle of the sink opening (4).

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