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(54) **Scaffolding system**

(57) The present invention relates to a barrier support element (2), for use in releasably securing a temporary guard rail (34) having at least an upper and a lower horizontal rail (38,36). The support element comprises a body part (4), attachment means (6) for releasably connecting to a scaffold construction (30), support means (8) for supporting, in use, the lower horizontal rail (36) of the temporary guard rail and a coupling means (10), in use, for releasably securing the upper horizontal rail (38) of the temporary guard rail.

The invention also relates to an edge protection system comprising; a temporary guard rail (34) comprising at least an upper and a lower horizontal rail (38,36), and at least two barrier support elements (2) each comprising a body part (4), attachment means (6) for releasably connecting to an adjacent structure (30), first support means (8) for supporting the lower horizontal rail (36) of the temporary guard rail and a coupling means (10) for releasably securing the upper horizontal rail (38) of the temporary guard rail.

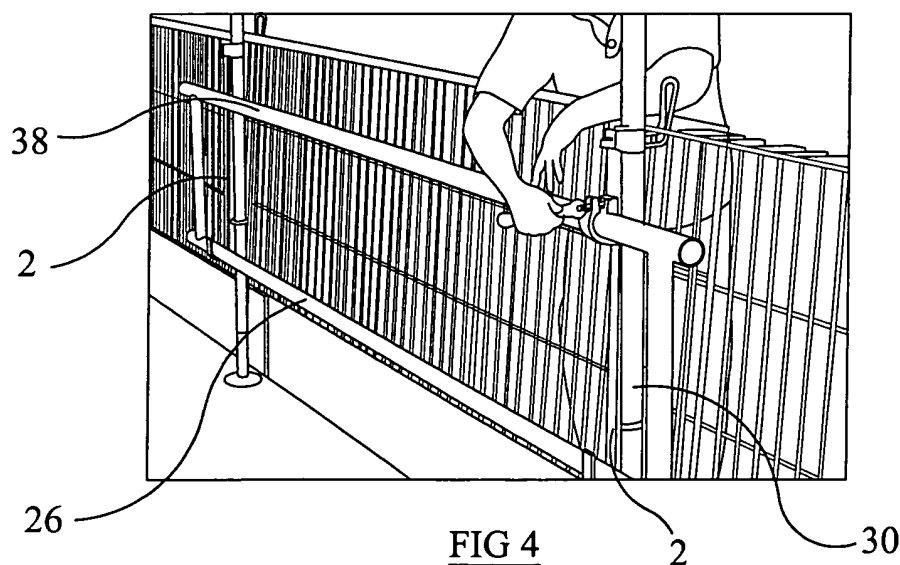


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