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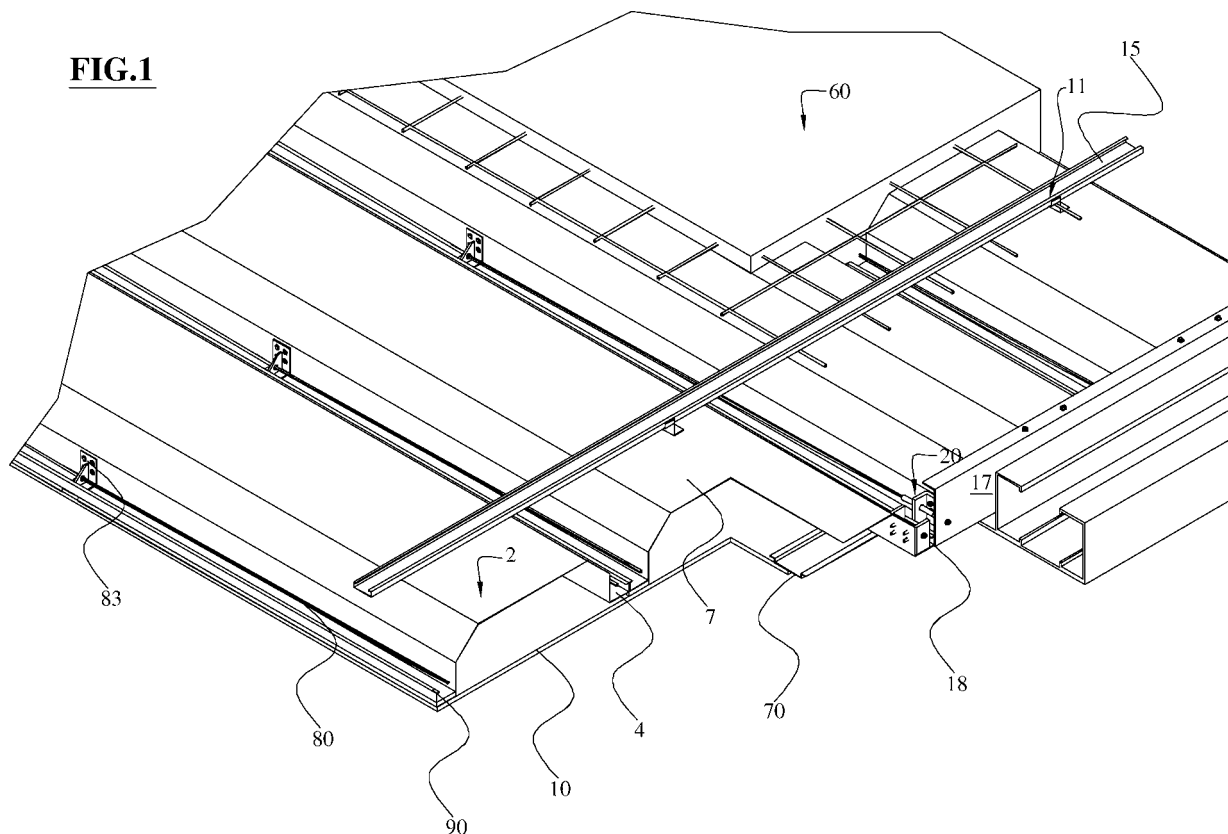
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(54) **Modular floor**

(57) A modular floor comprises a set of supporting section-bars (2) fit to be positioned mutually parallel and

with the ends supported by beams of a structure to be equipped with the floor. Each supporting section-bar (2) has a transversal section roughly "U"-form shaped.

**FIG.1**





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- 1-6, 10, 12, 16
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1. claims: 1-6, 10, 12, 16

Modular floor comprising a set of approximately "U"-form  
shaped supporting section-bars

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2. claims: 7, 11

Sliding guide, for leveling the upper surface of the  
concrete floor

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3. claims: 8, 9

Closing means that block the ends of one or more supporting  
section-bars

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4. claims: 13-15

Tensioning means of a modular floor

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