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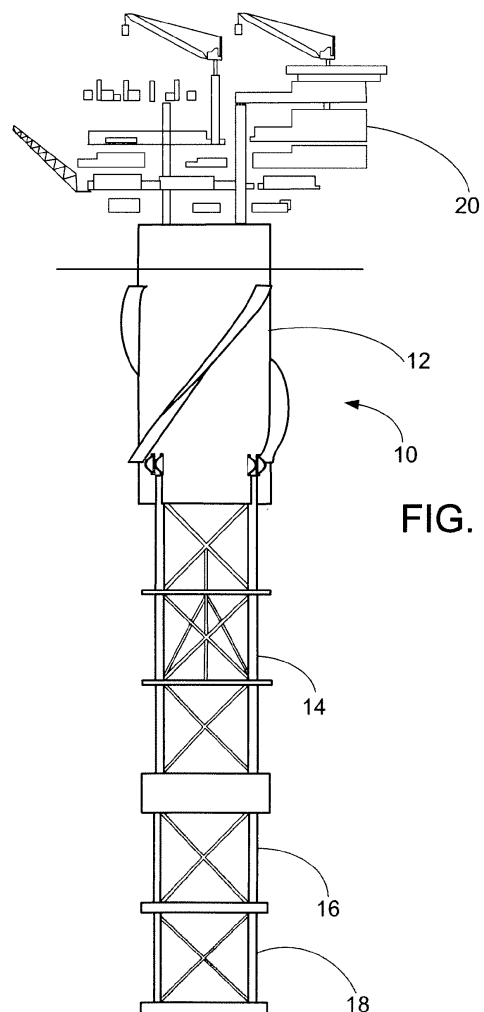
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(54) **Deep Water Offshore Apparatus and Assembly Method**

(57) A truss type spar (10) that eliminates the need for the more complex and critical attachment of the buoyant hull to the truss section at a fabrication site/yard that is remote from the fabrication yard where the buoyant hull and truss sections were originally built. The buoyant hull (12) and initial truss sections (14) are constructed at the fabrication yard of choice, joined together, and transported to a dock or fabrication yard (a second location) that is as close as possible to the final offshore installation site. Transport of such completed structures, either separately or together, is normally done on a heavy lift vessel to reduce transport time and prevent damage to the buoyant hull and truss sections. Once at the fabrication yard/dock, the joined buoyant hull (12) and initial truss section (14) are floated off the heavy lift vessel and the draft adjusted to a position suitable for joining additional truss sections. One or more additional truss sections (16,18) can be attached to the initial section, and the completed buoyant hull and truss is then towed to the final offshore installation site.



**FIG. 1**



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