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(PCT Rule 43*bis*.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed.
 - a translation of the international application into _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
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5. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

D1 – SU 679515 A;
D2 – US 4330105 A;
D3 – US 2163959 A;
D4 – SU 389 A;

D1 discloses a jack apparatus for heavy duty lifting according to claims 1, 7 and 10, a jack system for heavy duty lifting according to claims 6, 9, 11 and 13 comprising a base, a pair of screw jacks on the base, and a method for heavy duty lifting according to claim 15 comprising a plurality of jacks, each including a base with screw jack on the base.

Claimed invention differs from known technical solution in that the apparatus and the system comprise:

- according to claim 1 "a yoke supported for lifting by the screw jacks", "a lifting tube supported on the yoke", "a shaft coupler for simultaneously operating the screw jacks", "a power unit driving the shaft coupler",

- according to claims 7 "a yoke having ends supported by the screw jacks and a lower center section", "a power unit for simultaneously driving the screw jacks to lift the yoke and lifting tube",

- according to claim 10 "a base including a base plate, a cylindrical tube section, and angled braces supporting the tube section on the base plate", "a plurality of releasable lifting tubes supported on the yoke so that the jack apparatus has different lowest and highest lift points";

- according to claims 6 and 9 "a jack system comprises simultaneous operation of the plurality of jack apparatus",

- according to claim 11 "threaded lifting shafts and rotatable driving members", "a yoke having ends supported by the lifting shafts of the screw jacks and a lower center section", "a lifting tube supported on the center section of the yoke", "a power unit for simultaneously driving the screw jacks to lift the yoke and lifting tube",

Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
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- according to claims 13 and 15 "a lifting tube supported by the at least one screw jack", "a shaft coupler for operating the at least one screw jack", "an electric drive unit coupled to and configured to drive the shaft coupler", "a control system operably connected to the electric drive unit of each jack for operating each of the jacks individually or simultaneously, and including circuit breakers associated with each of the jacks", "the control system being configured to shut down selected ones of jacks if the circuit breaker of a particular one of the jacks indicates a problem".

Therefore, the invention according to claims 1, 7, 10, 6, 9, 11, 13 and 15 meets the criterion of novelty.

The technical solution, wherein disclosing the features of claim 1 "the yoke supported for lifting by the screw jacks", claim 11 "threaded lifting shafts and rotatable driving members", is known from D2 to increase the load-carrying capacity.

The technical solution, wherein disclosing the features of claims 1, 13 and 15 "the shaft coupler for simultaneously operating the screw jacks", "the power unit driving the shaft coupler", is known from D3 to increase the load-carrying capacity.

The technical solution, wherein disclosing significant features of claim 1 "a lifting tube supported on the yoke", claim 7 "a yoke having ends supported by the screw jacks and a lower center section", "a power unit for simultaneously driving the screw jacks to lift the yoke and lifting tube", claim 10 "a base including a base plate, a cylindrical tube section, and angled braces supporting the tube section on the base plate", "a plurality of releasable lifting tubes supported on the yoke so that the jack apparatus has different lowest and highest lift points", claims 6 and 9 "a jack system comprises simultaneous operation of the plurality of jack apparatus", claim 11 "a yoke having ends supported by the lifting shafts of the screw jacks and a lower center section", "a lifting tube supported on the center section of the yoke", "a power unit for simultaneously driving the lift the yoke and lifting tube", claims 13 and 15 "a lifting tube supported by the at least one screw jack", "an electric drive unit coupled to and configured to drive the shaft coupler", "a control system operably connected to the electric drive unit of each jack for operating each of the jacks individually or simultaneously, and including circuit breakers associated with each of the jacks", "the control system being configured to shut down selected ones of jacks if the circuit breaker of a particular one of the jacks indicates a problem", is not known from the prior art and is not obvious to obtain the technical effect, i.e. increasing the load-carrying capacity.

Therefore, the invention according to claims 1-15 meets the criterion of inventive step.

The invention according to claims 1-15 meets the criterion of industrial applicability.