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We herewith refer to the official action under patent act sec. 15, dated 17 July 2019, and gratefully acknowledge the positive opinion on patentability of the claims, as filed on 18 October 2018, forwarded therein.

In the official action, the examiner considers that a reformulation of the independent claims in the two-part form is appropriate (patent regulations sec. 6; guidelines C III, 2.2.3). However, we respectfully disagree with the examiner, for the following reasons:

We consider that casting the independent claims into the two-part form would require an extensive reformulation of the claims, leading to a deteriorated legibility and possible introduction of added-matter, in violation of patent act sec. 13. Given, for instance, the inter-related configuration of grid-frame structure and turret of the mooring module (claim 1, lines 4 - 6), recasting the claim would lead to a cumbersome formulation of its subject-matter.

As the two-part form is not a mandatory requirement according to the patent act, we politely request to maintain the claims unamended, in their present, one-part form.

Given that there are no further remaining substantive or formal objections, we kindly request the grant of a patent for the above cited application.

With kind regards  
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