

coupon **221** that is seen disposed at the 12 o'clock position of pipeline segment P. The number "2" is represented by coupon **222** that is seen disposed at the 3 o'clock position of pipeline segment P; the number "3" is represented by coupon **223** that is seen disposed at 6 o'clock; and, the number "4" is represented by coupon **224** that is seen disposed at 9 o'clock. Similarly, the number "5" is represented by pair of coupons **225 A** and **B** disposed at 12 o'clock and 3 o'clock, respectively. The number "6" is represented by pair of coupons **226 A** and **B** disposed at 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock, respectively; number "7" is represented by coupon doublet **227 A** and **B** disposed at 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock, respectively; number "8" is represented by coupon doublet **228 A** and **B** disposed at 9 o'clock and 12 o'clock, respectively; and, number "9" is represented by pair of coupons **229 A** and **B** disposed at 12 o'clock and 6 o'clock, respectively. Number zero is shown as being represented by coupon triplet **230 A, B, C** disposed at the 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, and 9 o'clock positions, respectively, of pipeline segment P.

[0044] Still referring to **FIG. 3**, it should be clear that the Registration Mark of the present invention simultaneously signifying the pipeline segment's top position and the beginning of the code series is represented by coupon triplet **235 A, B, C** disposed at 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, and 9 o'clock positions, respectively. It will also be understood that it has been found to be advantageous to have a corresponding Registration Mark signifying the end of a pipeline location code series. Accordingly, this end-of-code Registration Mark is represented by coupon triplet **240 A, B, C** disposed at 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, and 6 o'clock, respectively. In a similar fashion to the beginning code Registration Mark flagging the pipeline segment's top position, the code terminating Registration Mark flags the pipeline segment's 3 o'clock position. This feature, of course, is attributable to related coupons **240 A** and **C** constituting delimiting means for the related medial location of coupon **240 B** disposed at 3 o'clock. Similarly, coupons **235 B** and **C** delimit the 12 o'clock location of coupon **235 A**, thereby flagging the beginning code Registration Mark.

[0045] It should be evident that other combinations of a plurality of marker coupons may be used to represent letters, special characters, or the like. For instance, **FIG. 4** shows the use of a plurality of coupons to represent alphabetical characters. There is depicted a plurality of markers that are separated by 90° and that correspond to codes for using predefined alphabetic codes to represent pipeline locations. Thus, the alphabetic code "ABC" is represented by coupon **121** that is seen disposed at the 12 o'clock position of pipeline segment P. The alphabetic code "DEF" is represented by coupon **122** that is seen disposed at the 3 o'clock position of pipeline segment P; the alphabetic code "GHI" is represented by coupon **123** that is seen disposed at 6 o'clock; and, the alphabetic code "JKL" is represented by coupon **124** that is seen disposed at 9 o'clock. Similarly, the alphabetic code "MNO" is represented by pair of coupons **125 A** and **B** disposed at 12 o'clock and 3 o'clock, respectively. The alphabetic code "PQR" is represented by pair of coupons **126 A** and **B** disposed at 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock, respectively; alphabetic code "STU" is represented by coupon doublet **127 A** and **B** disposed at 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock, respectively; alphabetic code "VWX" is represented by coupon doublet **128 A** and **B** disposed at 9 o'clock and 12 o'clock, respectively; and, alphabetic code "YZ" is

represented by pair of coupons **129 A** and **B** disposed at 12 o'clock and 6 o'clock, respectively. A generic special character is shown as being represented by coupon triplet **130 A, B, C** disposed at the 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, and 9 o'clock positions, respectively, of pipeline segment P.

[0046] Still referring to **FIG. 4**, it should be clear that the Registration Mark of the present invention simultaneously signifying the pipeline segment's top position and the beginning of the code series is represented by coupon triplet **135 A, B, C** disposed at 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, and 9 o'clock positions, respectively. It will also be understood that it has been found to be advantageous to have a corresponding Registration Mark signifying the end of a pipeline location code series. Accordingly, this end-of-code Registration Mark is represented by coupon triplet **140 A, B, C** disposed at 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, and 6 o'clock, respectively. In a similar fashion to the beginning code Registration Mark flagging the pipeline segment's top position, the code terminating Registration Mark flags the pipeline segment's 3 o'clock position. This feature, of course, is attributable to related coupons **140 A** and **C** constituting delimiting means for the related medial location of coupon **140 B** disposed at 3 o'clock. Similarly, coupons **135 B** and **C** delimit the 12 o'clock location of coupon **135 A**, thereby flagging the beginning code Registration Mark.

[0047] Now referring to **FIG. 5** there is seen the use of a plurality of coupons to represent geographical landmarks and locations. There is depicted a plurality of markers that are separated by 90° and that correspond to codes for using predefined alphabetic codes to represent pipeline locations. Thus, the landmark code "North Bend-Up" is represented by coupon **321** that is seen disposed at the 12 o'clock position of pipeline segment P. The landmark code "East Bend-Right" is represented by coupon **322** that is seen disposed at the 3 o'clock position of pipeline segment P; the landmark code "South Bend-Down" is represented by coupon **323** that is seen disposed at 6 o'clock; and, the landmark code "West Bend-Left" is represented by coupon **324** that is seen disposed at 9 o'clock. Similarly, the landmark code "Pipeline/Cable Left/West" is represented by pair of coupons **325 A** and **B** disposed at 12 o'clock and 9 o'clock, respectively. The landmark code "Pipeline/Cable East/Right" is represented by pair of coupons **326 A** and **B** disposed at 12 o'clock and 3 o'clock, respectively; landmark code "Pipeline/Cable Above/Below" is represented by coupon doublet **327 A** and **B** disposed at 12 o'clock and 6 o'clock, respectively; landmark code "Pipeline Corridor Multiple Pipelines" is represented by coupon triplet **328 A, B, C** disposed at the 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, and 9 o'clock positions, respectively, of pipeline segment P. Similarly, landmark code "Begin Casing River Crossing" is represented by coupon triplet **329 A, B, C** disposed at the 6 o'clock, 9 o'clock, and 12 o'clock positions, respectively. Still referring to **FIG. 5**, it should be clear that the Registration Mark of the present invention simultaneously signifying the pipeline segment's top position and the beginning of the code series is represented by coupon triplet **335 A, B, C** disposed at 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, and 9 o'clock positions, respectively. It will also be understood that it has been found to be advantageous to have a corresponding Registration Mark signifying the end of a pipeline location code series. Accordingly, this end-of-code Registration Mark is represented by coupon triplet **340 A, B, C** disposed at 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, and 6 o'clock, respectively. In a similar fashion to the beginning code