METHOD FOR FACILITATING TRANSACTION OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT PRODUCTION AMONG VARIOUS PARTIES THROUGH A NETWORK PLATFORM

ABSTRACT

[0031] A business model implemented as a method or system facilitates transactions among a customer, IC manufacture service providers and IP providers. A network platform is used to receive a request for IP information from the customer. Upon approval of the request, the IP provider and the customer agree to a license agreement with respect to the terms of the customer's use of the IP information. Then, the IP information is delivered to the customer for purposes of producing and testing a prototype of the customer's IC design. The IP information for purposes of producing the prototype is free of charge or subject to insubstantial amount of charge. The customer is required to compensate the IP provider for its use of the IP information when it starts mass producing its IC designs.

(FIG. 1)