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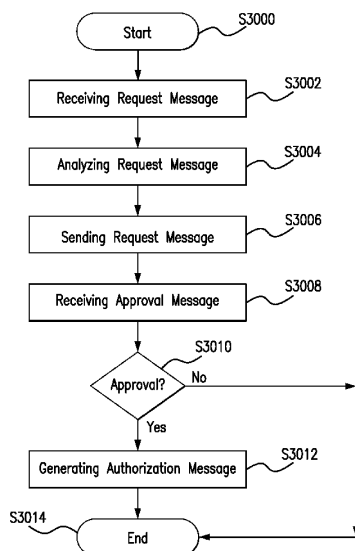


FIG. 3A

(57) Abstract: A method of exchanging messages across a network, the method comprising receiving a resource request message from an asset controller, the resource request message comprising asset data and a resource request, analysing the resource request message in order to select at least one resource candidate from a plurality of available resource candidates, the resource candidates having a resource for exchange with the asset, sending the resource request message to the selected at least one resource candidate, receiving a resource approval message from the at least one resource candidate, the resource approval message being indicative of an approval to supply the resource in accordance with the resource request message, and in the event that the resource approval message indicates approval to supply the resource, generating a transaction authorisation message, the transaction authorisation message being used to authorise a transaction to supply the resource on the basis of the resource request message.

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