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A SYSTEM FOR EXCHANGING DATA BY COMMUNICATION VIA
CONTACTS OR WITHOUT CONTACT BETWEEN A TERMINAL AND
5 PORTABLE OBJECTS

The portable object (200) including a plurality of
electrical contacts for communicating over a metallic
path with a terminal of a first type, itself including a
10 plurality of corresponding electrical contacts, and also
including a coil (202) for contactless communication with
a terminal of a second type (100) that transmits a
modulated electromagnetic field to convey data. For data
transmitted by the terminal and clocked by a clock
15 signal, the portable object includes clock detector means
(220) to modify its operation as a function of the
presence or the absence of a clock signal (CLK) in the
signal received, particularly in the signal picked up by
the coil. These means may serve in particular to control
20 protocols for communication and/or signal processing
and/or processing of received data, and to control switch
means for interrupting the links between the electrical
contacts and the other circuits of the portable object.

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