

AUTHENTICATION OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS

ABSTRACT

5 A method and system for creation and storage of authenticated documents on behalf of a wide range of content owners, such as a party to a contract, or an organisation requiring an electronic resolutions by members of the organisation. Content for a document is received from the owner then converted to a non-editable form suitable for online display. One or watermarks may be added representing the owner and/or the holder of the authenticated
10 document. Participants in a process authorised by the owner then access the document online and indicate approval or otherwise add digital signatures to the document. A date and time/stamps is generally added with each signature. Once the process is complete the document is generally stamped again, encrypted and stored for later inspections. Participants receive a token that enables watermarks in the document viewed on line to be
15 checked before signature.

(Figure 1)