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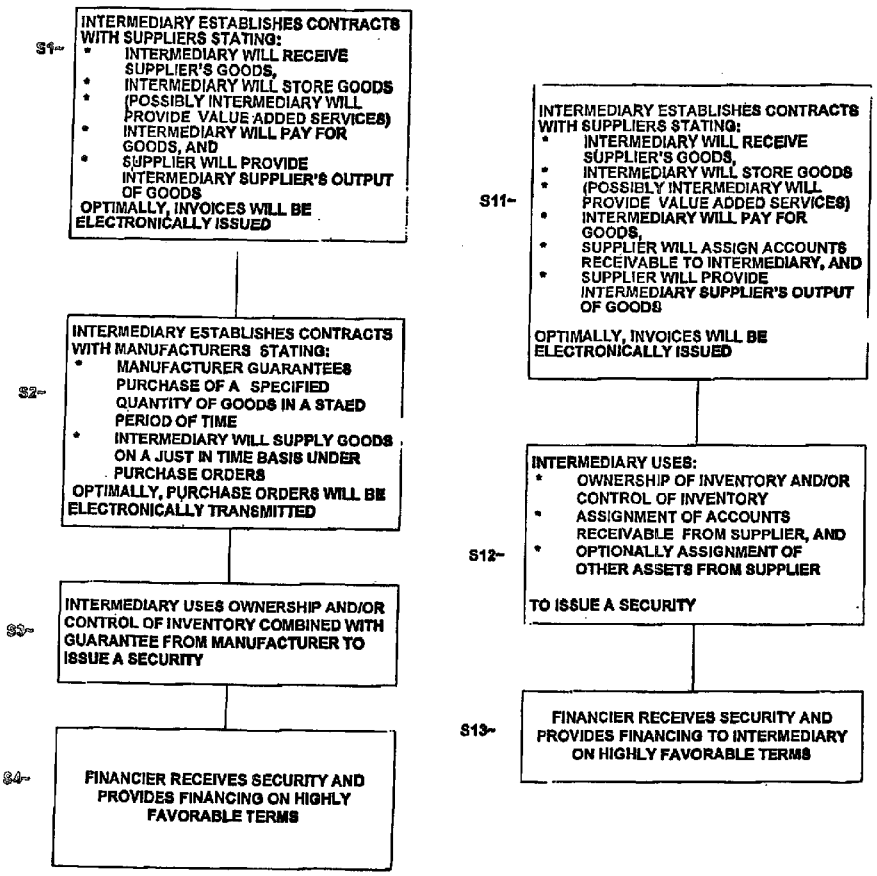
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for providing trade financing to inventory suppliers (210), manufacturers (230), or both, on the basis of a zero inventory model. The method and apparatus involves the generation of a security on the basis of inventory ownership combined with either or both of a purchase guarantee from an inventory purchaser and an assignment of accounts receivable by an inventory supplier (210). The invention also involves an integrated supply chain process (S1-S4-S11-S13) and event notification interface (30) that can perform financial transactions and electronic proof of delivery in support of such zero inventory model financing.

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