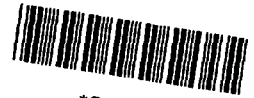




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ABSTRACT



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SECURE TRANSFER OF DIGITAL TOKENS

5 A system for securely transferring digital tokens by electronic means includes a secure
digital token handling domain and predetermined trusted third parties. The secure
digital token handling domain comprises a plurality of tamper-resistant electronic token
holders. Each token holder has the ability to process and store information relating to
the transfer of digital tokens. The token holders are able to communicate within the
10 digital token handling domain only with other token holders. The token holders are able
to communicate outside the digital token handling domain only with the predetermined
trusted third parties. One or more of the trusted authorities being responsible for the
administration of encryption matters. Communications between token holders within
the digital token handling domain, and between token holders and the predetermined
15 third parties involving encrypting and decrypting of messages. Digital token transfers
can be securely performed within the digital token handling domain according to a
predetermined method.

FIGURE 1