

Abstract**A Portable Communications Device**

- 5 A portable communications device (10) to be coupled to a computer (50) for enabling a user to call at least another user via a network, the portable communications device (10) comprising: a non-volatile memory device (20) to store connection software (23) for communicating via the network; an audio recorder and reproducer (21) to record and reproduce audio signals; an audio signal connector
- 10 (23) for communicating the audio signals between the audio recorder and reproducer (21) and a speaker (30) and microphone (31); wherein the connection software (23) is executed by the computer (50) and comprises a communication client to establish the call using a communication protocol, and to route the call via a communication server (120) on the network.

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Figure 2