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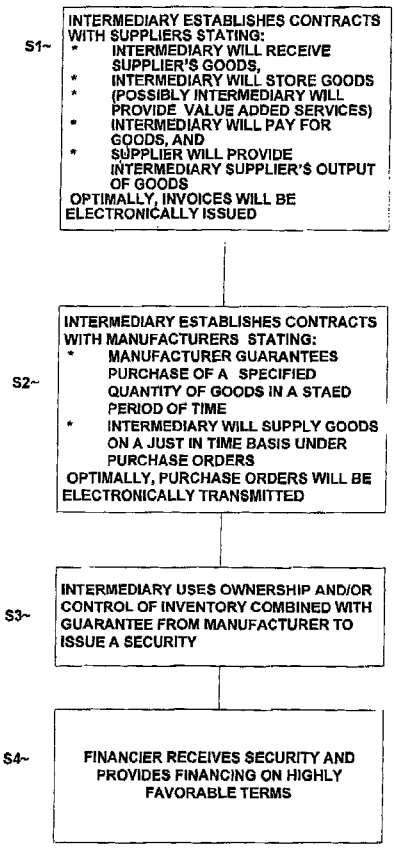
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for providing trade financing to inventory suppliers, manufacturers, or both, on the basis of a zero inventory model. The method and apparatus involves the generation of a security on the basis of inventory ownership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

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