

ABSTRACT

AUTHENTICATION FACILITATOR METHOD

5 An authentication facilitator method for use over the
Internet for a third party to facilitate a first party to
authenticate a second party, comprises:

 registering by the first and second parties with the
third party;

10 connecting by the first party to the second party
and requesting a transaction;

 sending by the second party an address of the third
party to the first party;

 performing by the first and second parties mutual
15 authentications with the third party;

 generating by the third party a random code upon
successful mutual authentications;

 sending by the third party the random code and
identification references of the first and second parties
20 to the first party;

 sending by the third party the random code to the
second party;

 verifying visually by the first party the two
identification references; and

25 upon successful verification of the identification
references, connecting by the first party to the second
party with the random code for conducting the
transaction, the random code being used for final

verification by the second party based on the random code received from the third party.

[Figure 2]