ABSTRACT

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING TRUSTED TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN BUSINESSES

In an e-commerce system, on-line assurances of party identity or other parameters can be obtained from financial institutions acting as assurors. A signed message is sent from a sending party via an intermediate service provider. The intermediate party obtains the identity of the receiver and receiver's assuror from the receiving party and the obtaining assurances from both the sending and receiving party assurors. The assured message is then sent to the receiving party who replies with a receipt which is sent from the intermediate party to the sending party as an assured receipt. The intermediate party plays no part in the underlying business transaction.

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