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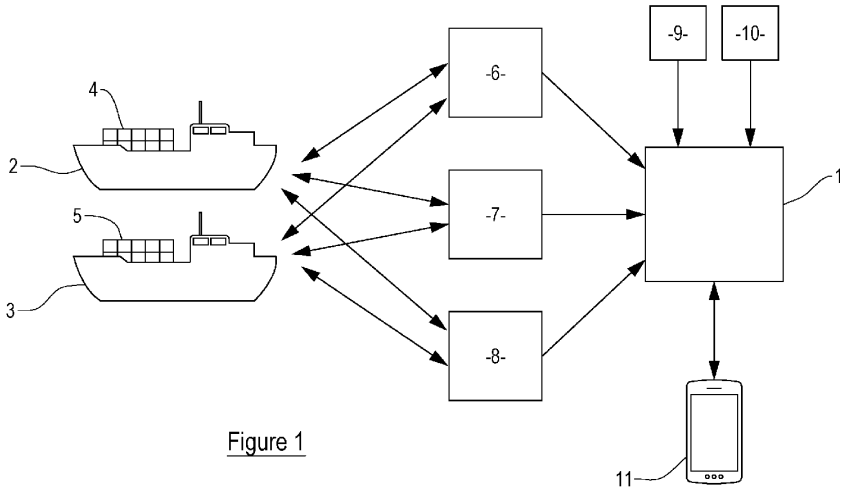


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A tracking system comprising: a central control arrangement (1) which is configured to communicate with a client device (11), the central control arrangement (1) comprising: a processor; and a memory coupled for communication with the processor, wherein the central control arrangement (1) is configured to: receive vessel data from a plurality of vessel data sources (6-8) and store the vessel data in the memory, the vessel data indicating at least one vessel status parameter for a vessel (2, 3); receive cargo data from at least one cargo data source (6-8) and store the cargo data in the memory, the cargo data comprising at least an item identifier which identifies an item of cargo carried by the vessel (2, 3); receive port data from at least one port data source (12-15) and store the port data in the memory, the port data comprising at least one port parameter related to the vessel (2, 3); receive a tracking request from the client device (11) which requests tracking data corresponding to one or more of the vessel or the cargo; and in response to

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the tracking request, output at least a portion of the tracking data to the client device (11) to enable a user of the client device (11) to track at least one of the vessel or the cargo.