

ABSTRACT

COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

5 Communication apparatus is disclosed comprising a network of interconnected components 200-250 having a fixed network portion and at least one wireless network portion, a communication route between a source terminal and a destination terminal being configurable through the network via at least some of the components and a route and location manager 100 arranged to calculate at
10 least one said route, the manager having database means 110, 120 including route-relevant information of the fixed network portion and of the or each wireless network portion. Methods of calculating and modifying multicast routes using the apparatus are also disclosed.

15 Fig 1.