

ABSTRACT

A coupler for managing communication between a portable data medium and a data exchange device is disclosed. The coupler includes bistable control means (25) input-activated by at least two control signals (DTR, RTS) delivered by the data exchange device in one of two first and second predetermined input sequences, and arranged to output at least one power supply signal (VCC) and a data medium reset signal (RST) in a predetermined output sequence, such that the portable data medium is activated only when one specific input sequence of said two input sequences is received.