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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

TITLE: FACSIMILE ARRANGEMENT

A system, according to the present invention, provides temporary facsimile services to facsimile machines provided in hotel rooms. The system includes an intermediary having a host of direct in-dial telephone numbers which can be selectively activated and assigned to any one facsimile machine of a plurality of facsimile machines. The facsimile machines can be selectively authorized by assigning thereto for a temporary period a direct in-dial telephone number from the host of direct in-dial numbers of the intermediary. The intermediary activates the direct in-dial number whereafter the authorized facsimile machine is capable of receiving transmissions sent to the direct in-dial telephone number via the intermediary. The system maintains the direct in-dial number activated until the expiry of the temporary period and thereafter deactivates the direct in-dial number. The direct in-dial number is maintained deactivated for a down period of time whereby any facsimile transmissions sent to the direct in-dial number during the down period of time is not received. In this way, provision is made not to receive any transmissions to the direct in-dial number during any down period whereby the guest is ensured transmissions destined for the particular guest are not received immediately after his departure from the hotel.

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