(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization
International Bureau

(43) International Publication Date
20 August 2009 (20.08.2009)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number
WO 2009/100481 A1

(51) International Patent Classification:
G06Q 10/00 (2006.01) *H04B 7/24* (2006.01)
H04M 3/42 (2006.01)

(21) International Application Number:
PCT/AU2009/000151

(22) International Filing Date:
10 February 2009 (10.02.2009)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:
2008900652 12 February 2008 (12.02.2008) AU

(71) Applicant and
(72) Inventor: **GOSNEY, Peter John** [AU/AU]; 36A First Street, Black Rock, Victoria 3193 (AU).

(74) Agent: **GRIFFITH HACK**; St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Victoria 3004 (AU).

(81) Designated States *(unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available)*: AE, AG, AL, AM, AO, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BH, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DO, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, GT, HN, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KM, KN, KP, KR, KZ, LA, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MA, MD, ME, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NG, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, ST, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW.

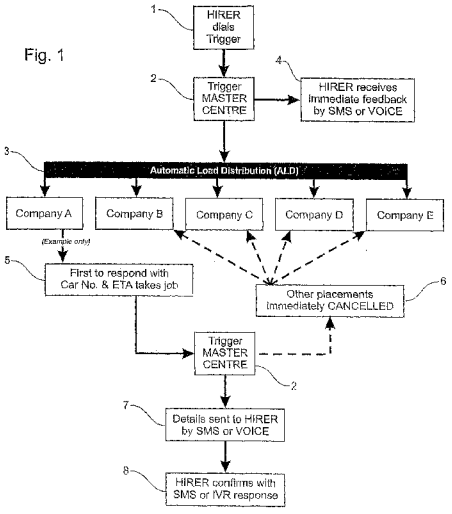
(84) Designated States *(unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of regional protection available)*: ARIPO (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, NA, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MK, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

Published:

— *with international search report (Art. 21(3))*

(54) **Title**: AUTOMATED TAXI DISPATCHING SYSTEM USING TELEPHONE NETWORKS

Fig. 1



(57) **Abstract**: A vehicle for hire request system and method are provided and operate via a telephone network. A plurality of independent vehicle hire entities (A,B,C,D,E) participates and each has its own plurality of vehicles for hire. A unique telephone number is provided for use by an intending hirer so that when called a request for a vehicle for hire can be processed through a trigger component (2). The trigger component (2) then conveys substantially simultaneously a request by the intending hirer to each of the plurality of independent vehicle hire entities (A,B,C,D,E). A unique response component is arranged to receive a first acceptance from an entity for the request vehicle hire and to trigger a cancellation of the request from all remaining entities. An acceptance response is then conveyed to the intending vehicle hirer.

WO 2009/100481 A1