

Annex A – the Patent as proposed to be amended

Claims

1. A telephone call processor for processing telephone calls comprising voice signals and data signals, the call processor comprising a first telephone interface, a second telephone interface and a data interface, the call processor being adapted:

to receive voice signals and data signals at the first telephone interface and to transmit the voice signals and selectively transmit the data signals received at the first telephone interface via the second telephone interface wherein if said received data signals include transaction information signals representing information relating to a transaction said transaction information signals are blocked from transmission via said second interface;

to generate a request based on said transaction information signals;
to transmit said request via the data interface **directly** to an external entity;
to receive a message via the data interface from the entity to identify success or failure of the request; and
to process the transaction information signals in dependence on the success or failure of the request.

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9. A method of processing telephone calls comprising voice signals and data signals, the method comprising:

receiving voice signals and data signals at a first telephone interface and transmitting the voice signals and selectively transmitting the data signals received at the first telephone interface via a second telephone interface wherein if said received data signals include transaction information signals representing information relating to a transaction said transaction information signals are blocked from transmission via said second interface;

generating a request based on said transaction information signals;
transmitting said request via a data interface **directly** to an external entity;
receiving a message from the entity via the data interface to identify success or failure of the request; and
processing the transaction information signals in dependence on the success or failure of the request.