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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING ELECTRONIC AUCTIONS

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VERFAHREN UND SYSTEM ZUR DURCHFÜHRUNG VON ELEKTRONISCHEN AUKTIONEN

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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO0022906A2] The present invention relates generally to a system for performing electronic sale of products. The products may be new goods, secondary market goods, services, collectibles etc.. The present invention relates more particularly to implementing electronic auctions and to measures for making their use easier for an average user. One idea of the present invention is providing the communication between the user and the auction management system using short message service (SMS) of a mobile communication system (214, 250, 260, 262, 270, 280, 290). The short messages can be transferred from a mobile phone to the mobile center in order to make conditional purchase offers, and short messages from the mobile center to the mobile phone can be used for giving information on products, current prices and accepted offers. The communication between the mobile center and the auction management system (290) can also be based on short messages, or some type of data connection. The user of the auction service does not need to have a continuous telephone connection to the service provider. The user does neither need to make specific agreements with the service provider or a bank for the purchase payments in order to use the auction service.

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