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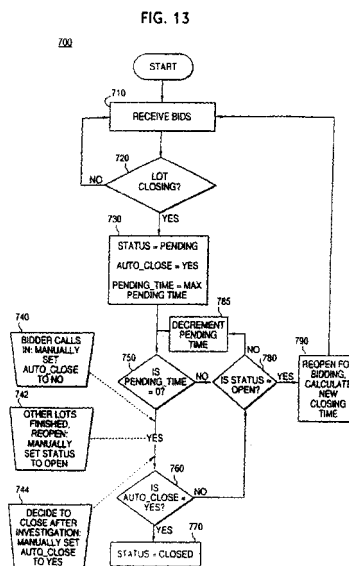
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(54) Method and system for conducting electronic auctions

(57) A method of controlling a status display of an electronic auction system in response to a technical disruption is described. The method comprises setting a lot having at least one product, setting at least a closing time for said lot, displaying a first status for said lot, said first status indicating that bids for said lot are accepted, monitoring said closing time and monitoring whether a trigger event relating to a technical disruption occurs prior to said closing time, wherein, if said trigger event occurs, further steps are initiated. The invention also relates to an electronic auction system in the form of a computer network adapted to implement the method.





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