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LOCATION DETERMINATION DEVICE

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention is in the general field of location tracking service in particular for vehicles.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Tracking down vehicles in large fleets of cars is complex, expensive and time consuming. Organizations with a need for instantaneous information on the whereabouts of their vehicles need to rely on expensive and complex software installed on their premises on a server. The information regarding the location of the vehicle is presented in map images of varying scales including arial photos. The software for reading the data is provided by various vehicle location-tacking service providers who gather data on vehicles by using communication methods such as GSM radio transmission using GPS location system. Data is collected differently by each provider resulting in confusion for customers who need to decide on various methods to retrieve and view the same type of information. The disadvantages are that only a few, trained personnel in every organization can operate the vehicle tracking software. The software is often resource-heavy, expensive and not intuitive for the users. Retrieval of data can only be done from a few terminals thereby making the information specialized and highly inaccessible.

There is accordingly a need in the art to simplify the process by allowing inter alia extraction of information from a multiple car tracking service providers. There is a further need in the art to provide a relatively simple to operate location tracking service adapted for use by common subscribers whilst obviating the need to install and use a cumbersome vehicle tracking software.



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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides for a system for location tracking of mobile platforms, the mobile platforms are equipped each with a tracking unit; the system comprising:

- (a) a location server communicating through user interface with at least one subscriber equipped with a browser; said communication includes inputs that includes at least the subscriber identity, the mobile platform identity and map information;
- (b) at least one mobile platform location system coupled to said location server for receiving mobile platform identity and map information that pertain to mobile platforms associated with the respective mobile platform location system; each one of said mobile platform location systems is associated with a map database and map engine for manipulating said map database.
 - (c) at least one remote tracking service communicating with said respective at least one mobile platform location system for receiving mobile platform identity and returning mobile platform location information;

the at least one mobile platform location system is adapted to receive said mobile platform location information and access said map database for correlating map to said location information, so as to obtain correlated location information;

said location server being adapted to receive the correlated location information and forwarding them to said browser.



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