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MANAGING THE TRANSFER	)	
OF RIGHTS	)	

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for transferring rights adapted to be associated with one or more items from a rights supplier to a rights consumer, said method comprising:
  - obtaining a set of rights associated with an item, said set of rights including meta-rights specifying derivable rights that can be derived from the meta-rights by the rights consumer; and
  - determining whether the rights consumer is entitled to derive the derivable rights specified by the meta-rights;[[,]] and
  - if the rights consumer is entitled to derive the derivable rights specified by the meta-rights, at least one of deriving one or more of the derivable rights[[,]] and generating a license including the derived rights ~~if the rights consumer is entitled to derive the derivable rights specified by the meta-rights.~~
2. (Original) A method recited in claim 1, further comprising, transmitting the set of rights, in the form of a license to the item, from the rights supplier to the rights consumer.
3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the derived rights are rights disposal rights.
4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the items are content.
5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the derived rights include usage rights.
6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the derived rights include meta-rights that the rights consumer may transfer to another rights consumer in the form of a license.

7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the consumer is a content distributor.
8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the consumer is a content retailer.
9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the consumer is a content publisher.
10. (Currently Amended) A license associated with an item and adapted to be used within a system for managing the transfer of rights to the item from a rights supplier to a rights consumer, said license being adapted to be stored on a computing device, said license comprising:
  - a set of rights including meta-rights specifying derivable rights that can be derived from the meta-rights by the rights consumer;
  - a principal designating at least one rights consumer who is authorized to derive the derivable rights; and
  - a mechanism for providing access to the item in accordance with the set of rights.
11. (Original) A license as recited in claim 10, wherein the derived rights are rights disposal rights.
12. (Original) A license as recited in claim 10, wherein the items are content.
13. (Original) A license as recited in claim 10, wherein the derived rights include usage rights.
14. (Original) A license as recited in claim 10, wherein the derived rights include meta-rights that the rights consumer may transfer to another rights consumer in the form of a license.

15. (Original) A license as recited in claim 12, wherein the consumer is a content distributor.
16. (Original) A license as recited in claim 12, wherein the consumer is a content retailer.
17. (Original) A license as recited in claim 12, wherein the consumer is a content publisher.
18. (Original) A license as recited in claim 10, further comprising a digital signature corresponding to a party issuing the license.
19. (Previously Presented) A license as recited in claim 10, further comprising at least one condition that must be satisfied to exercise at least one of said meta-rights.
20. (Original) A license as recited in claim 19, further comprising at least one state variable related to said at least one condition.
21. (Currently Amended) A method for deriving rights adapted to be associated with one or more items from meta-rights, said method comprising:
  - obtaining a set of rights associated with an item, said set of rights including meta-rights specifying derivable rights that can be derived from the meta-rights by ~~the~~ a rights consumer; and
  - generating a license associated with said item and including one or more ~~the~~ derived rights.
22. (Original) A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the derived rights are rights disposal rights.
23. (Original) A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the items are content.

24. (Original) A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the derived rights include usage rights.

25. (Previously Presented) A license as recited in claim 10, wherein said derivable rights comprise at least one condition that is associated with at least one state variable.

26. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, comprising:  
generating said license including the derived rights with the rights consumer designated as a principal.

27. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, comprising:  
generating said license including the derived rights with a party other than the rights consumer designated as a principal.

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