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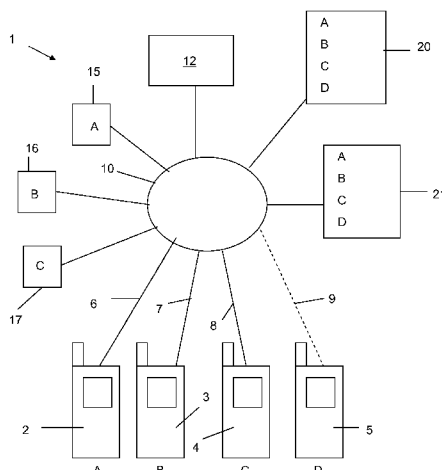


Fig. 1

(57) **Abstract:** A social networking system comprising at least one mobile telephone device relating to a first user. The mobile telephone device is adapted in use to facilitate telephone calls between a first user of the device and other users wherein user data including identity data and contact data of the other users is initially resident upon the mobile telephone device and wherein the mobile telephone device comprises a resident client application, a social network server and a network providing communication between the mobile telephone device and the social network server. The system is adapted in use such that user data is obtained from the device and transmitted to the social network server. The social network server is adapted to analyse the user data to identify which other users are also users of the social network server and to form a social network group accordingly and to receive update data relating to any user of the group. The social network server is further adapted to select the update data obtained from the other users and transmit the selected update data to the client application of the mobile telephone device for presentation to the first user.

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