



8x8 Awarded Virtual Telephone Extension Patent by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Mar 24, 2010 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- 8x8, Inc. (Nasdaq:EGHT), provider of innovative business communications solutions, today announced that it has been granted United States Patent number 7,684,554 entitled "Virtual Telephone Extension." The patent issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 23, 2010.

The patent relates to methods of routing communications to users and associated equipment by utilizing a user identifier that serves as a virtual extension number. By utilizing the invention described by the patent, users can remotely direct their calls to communication devices at various geographic, voicemail and email destinations.

Claim 14 of the new patent reads, "A method for routing telephone calls to communication devices using telephone networks, each communication device having a unique device identifier, the method comprising: assigning identifier data to each of a plurality of users, the identifier data for each user including at least two unique telephone numbers and at least one unique device identifier; and in response to receiving a call through one of the telephone networks, matching a telephone number in the call with one of the at least two telephone numbers assigned to a particular user, and switching the call to a destination communication device designated by the device identifier in the identifier data for the particular user." The issued patent contains twenty claims and was filed in 2002.

Since its establishment in 1987, 8x8 has been awarded seventy-six (76) United States patents covering a variety of voice and video communications, signaling, processing and storage technologies.

About 8x8, Inc.

8x8, Inc. (Nasdaq:EGHT) leverages its patented software technologies to deliver high quality voice solutions and integrated messaging and video to businesses of any size with employees in any locations on a wide variety of business telephony, web and mobile platforms. For additional information, visit www.8x8.com.

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