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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

IOT: Internet of Things

• ICO: Initial Coin Offering

API: Application Interface

• **DAO:** Distributed Autonomous organization

USSD: Unstructured Supplementary Service

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Chapter 2 - The Promise Of Peer

Case Study: Micro-lending, loans real quick.

Ever since the advent of M-Pesa a plethora of mobile based applications have risen to build value on top of the platform. We have seen whole range of applications from payment integrators like Lipisha, Pesapal, Jambopay and E-Commerce applications like CrowdPesa, Jumia, and Rupu. These applications have faced numerous challenges some of which we will address in the chapter on e-commerce. However, one class of applications namely micro-lending solutions have experienced rapid growth and utilization and unsurprisingly these are applications that are tightly integrated with M-Pesa or leverage of data from M-Pesa transactions.