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(54) **METHOD FOR SETTING UP AND OPERATING A NETWORK OF LUMINAIRES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Described herein is method for setting up a network of luminaires and their subsequent operation. A plurality of luminaires are located on a street (**24**, **29**), and each luminaire comprises a control module (**23**, **28**). The method for setting up the network comprises, for each control module, scanning the environment and providing environmental information to a central server, which, allocates the control modules and their associated luminaires into groups (A, B). A group controller (**23'**, **28'**, **31**, **32**) is allocated for each group which has long-distance communication with the server and short-distance communication with control modules within its group. Each group controller and control modules within the group form a network which can operate autonomously or under the control of the server. Some of the control modules may include sensors (**S1**, **S2**) which provide signals indicative of changes in the environment allowing the network to adapt its operation in accordance with those changes.