Ekinops Announces Successful 5G Connectivity Tests

Paris, 9 February 2021 – Ekinops (Euronext Paris - FR0011466069 – EKI), a network access solutions specialist, announced today that it has successfully run its first 5G business connectivity tests with Orange Business Services in their Orange Labs environment.

For these tests, Ekinops used its 5G capable OneAccess router based on OneOS6, the user-friendly modular software solution that enables a range of built-in services for greater modularity. This solution is capable of supporting network functions, such as routing, firewall, SD-WAN and SBC (session border control), among others.

This successful test was done in anticipation of the enterprise connectivity needs leveraging the power of 5G networks. There are many applications for large and small enterprise sites, such as connectivity where wireline is not available or as a backup to a wireline solution with fiber-like bandwidth.

"The results of this first test within the Orange Labs are very promising. We have been able to assess in real-life conditions the ability of our router to use 5G as a primary connection for enterprises," said **Vincent Munière, Ekinops group CTO and VP R&D**. "We are privileged to be able to work alongside our longstanding partner Orange Business Services and its innovation teams to perfect our new generation of products, including 5G and software defined networks," he added.

"As the market expects a lot from 5G with 10 times more capacity, 10 times less latency and 10 times more density, this test provided one more opportunity to check the reality of 5G connectivity for WAN solutions" shared **Franck Morales, VP Marketing, Connectivity BU, at Orange Business Services.** "This successful outcome confirms once again the many opportunities we see with 5G for enterprises."

Ekinops and Orange Business Services are currently working together to have packaged solutions ready for customers later in 2021.

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About EKINOPS

Ekinops is a leading provider of open and fully interoperable Layer 1, 2 and 3 solutions to service providers around the world. Our programmable and highly scalable solutions enable the fast, flexible and cost-effective deployment of new services for both high-speed, high-capacity optical transport as well as virtualization-enabled managed enterprise services.

Our product portfolio consists of three highly complementary product and service sets: EKINOPS 360, OneAccess and Compose.

EKINOPS 360 provides optical transport solutions for metro, regional and long-distance networks with WDM for high-capacity point-to-point, ring and optical mesh architectures, and OTN for improved bandwidth utilization and efficient multi-service aggregation.

OneAccess offers a wide choice of physical and virtualized deployment options for Layer 2 and Layer 3 access network functions.

Compose supports service providers in making their networks software-defined with a variety of software management tools and services, including the scalable SD-WAN Xpress.

As service providers embrace SDN and NFV deployment models, Ekinops enables future-proofed deployment today, enabling operators to seamlessly migrate to an open, virtualized delivery model at a time of their choosing.

A global organization, Ekinops (EKI) - a public company traded on the Euronext Paris exchange - is headquartered in Lannion, France, and Ekinops Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary, is incorporated in the USA.

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