Datagroup Deploys New 100G Network from Ekinops as Alternative Route from Ukraine to Frankfurt

PARIS, May 11, 2016 – Datagroup, a major telecommunications operator in Ukraine, has deployed a new network based on Ekinops equipment connecting Ukraine to Frankfurt over a new route through Poland.

The new network provides Datagroup an alternative route in addition to its current network. That route is shorter, which improves availability and Datagroup's ability to assure its service level agreements.

Ekinops, a leading supplier of next-generation optical network equipment, announced today the completion of the deployment over a fiber-optic network that stretches 1,783 kilometers (1,100 miles) from Lviv in Ukraine to Frankfurt.

"This forms part of a larger network between China and Western Europe", said Alexandr Vereschak, technical director of Datagroup. "For us, this new network means we can now offer the shortest connection between China and Germany."

"We have been working with Datagroup since early 2013 when we were chosen as their 100G supplier", said Jonathan Amir, Ekinops' VP Sales for EMEA. "We have invested a lot of effort in our partnership with Datagroup and are very satisfied to continue taking part in the growing Datagroup network."

The Ekinops 360 platform offers high performance in ultra-long-haul networks, with regeneration-free transmission over long distances. It also easily accommodates alien wavelengths where that is an issue for service providers and offers streamlined management. Ekinops equipment delivers investment protection for providers by making it simple to increase capacity as their transport needs grow.

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About Datagroup

Datagroup, one of the fastest-growing companies in the Ukraine, serves the Ukrainian market with residential and businesses communications services. Datagroup maintains its own fiber-optic network throughout the country, with a total length of 17,000 kilometers. Datagroup owns four optic transition points to Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, and Russia. Total capacity of the backbone network is 800 Gbps in the Europe and Russian direction. For more information, visit http://www.datagroup.ua/.

About Ekinops

Ekinops is a leading supplier of next generation optical transport equipment for telecommunications service providers. The Ekinops 360 addresses Metro, Regional, and Long-Haul applications with a single, highly-integrated platform. Ekinops is a market-leading innovator in 100G transport with a coherent line of products that truly optimizes optical networks and comes in 1RU, 2RU or 7RU chassis. The Ekinops 360 relies on the highly-programmable Ekinops T-Chip® (Transport-on-a-Chip) architecture that enables fast, flexible and cost-effective delivery of new services for high-speed, high-capacity transport. Using the Ekinops 360 carrier-grade system, operators can simply increase capacity of their networks – CWDM, DWDM, Ethernet, ESCON, Fibre Channel, SONET/SDH, and uncompressed video (HD-SDI, SD-SDI, ASI). Ekinops is headquartered in Lannion, France, and Ekinops Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary, is incorporated in the USA.

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