Ecritel increases capacity of its fiber-optic network with Ekinops' DWDM platform

PARIS - February 5, 2007 - Ecritel, a leading French Internet service provider, has selected the Ekinops optical transport platform for deployment in its fiber-optic network in the Paris area, Ekinops announced today. Ekinops designs and manufactures optical transport, DWDM, CWDM and aggregation solutions.

Ecritel's decision was based on the flexible architecture of the Ekinops platform and its ability to handle dynamic increases in capacity. Ecritel is deploying a robust and economical DWDM network for transporting Gigabit Ethernet traffic in a metro optical network. The Ekinops solution includes the PM1008 that uses time division multiplexing (TDM) to aggregate and transport up to eight channels of Gigabit Ethernet or GFC traffic over a single OC-192/STM-64 10 Gbps wavelength.

The PM 1008's aggregation capabilities enable service providers and enterprises to reduce the number of wavelengths used in CWDM or DWDM networks, reducing costs while increasing transport capacities. The PM 1008 module offers 1+1 protection and can reach distances up to 250 kilometers using forward error correction (FEC) and long haul optics.

"Ecritel experienced significant growth in 2006 and has become a leading provider for IT services," states Frédéric Leduc, Chief Technical Officer of Ecritel. "To meet the growing demand for capacity from our fiber networks, it was necessary to upgrade our existing WDM equipment. The Ekinops solution allowed us to evolve our network and respond rapidly to our customer's need, while keeping the costs well within our budget."

Leduc added that the responsiveness of the Ekinops team was an important factor in Ecritel's decision.

"Ekinops' optical transport solutions allow service providers and private network to seamlessly migrate their networks with next generation DWDM equipment," says Didier Bredy, CEO of Ekinops. "We are excited about the opportunity to work with a growing company like Ecritel. Upgrading existing WDM networks requires compatibility and flexibility and our platform offers that plus an economic advantage that is highly desired by our customers."

About Ecritel

Ecritel is an Internet services provider offering dedicated access and collocation services. Ecritel ensures the operation of many critical IT infrastructures through its technical expertise and 24x7 on-site presence. Its hosting infrastructure relies on a redundant architecture distributed over four geographically dispersed data centers that enables Ecritel to provide high reliability and service protection.

About Ekinops

Ekinops is a provider of innovative optical transport, WDM and aggregation solutions for service providers and enterprise networks. Its advanced TDM technology enables the wire-speed aggregation and transport of multiple high-speed data channels using standard 2.5G and 10G signals, significantly lowering the cost of building and maintaining scalable optical networks. Ekinops' carrier-grade solutions leverage expertise in 10G transmission, aggregation, and Forward Error Correction to allow carriers to increase transport capacity over dark fiber, CWDM, DWDM, SONET/SDH and IP networks. The company is headquartered in Lannion, France, with sales offices in Paris, California, Maryland, and Texas. More information about Ekinops is available at www.ekinops.net

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