



Ekinops Speeds Up Ethernet Business Connectivity with CETIN in Czech Republic

PARIS, 24 June, 2019 - EKINOPS (Euronext Paris - FR0011466069 – EKI), a leading provider of open and fully interoperable Layer 1, 2 and 3 solutions to network operators, has enabled Česká Telekomunikační Infrastruktura (CETIN) owner of the largest telecommunications network in the Czech republic, to extend the market for high speed business connectivity, by introducing access equipment that both accelerates and extends the reach of Ethernet services delivered over existing copper plant.

In an industry first, CETIN can now offer business grade standardized and high-speed Ethernet over VDSL2 as a wholesale service to any service provider. A unique combination of features explains CETIN's choice for Ekinops access equipment.

One of the key features is the device's ability to utilize the combination of two copper pairs to maintain greater bandwidth on longer loops than non-bonded VDSL2. This broadens the addressable market for Ethernet over VDSL2 (since the service can now support businesses that are further away from the DSLAM).

By offering Ethernet to service providers, there is no longer the need for time consuming and complex testing and certification procedures of DSL access equipment.

CETIN selected the OneAccess OneOS6 based ONE521 access device because it supports advanced Layer 2 Carrier Ethernet features. The device is also software upgradable to support an extensive Layer 3 feature set as well as a session border controller.

The chosen platform referenced as the "ONE521 AV2d Gb5T/b" with bonded VDSL is based on the latest Broadcom's BCM63138 chipset offering support for ADSL2+, VDSL2 up to Profile 35b and bonded VDSL2 annex b, also known as VDSL over ISDN.

"This is a win for everyone," comments Frank Dedobbeleer, VP Group Sales EMEA & APAC, Ekinops. "Our technology enables CETIN to wholesale an Ethernet over VDSL2 service that goes faster and further than ever before. This will enable local carriers to deliver fiber-like connectivity to business customers at a fraction of the conventional cost. This is another great example of how Ekinops' innovation in network access devices doesn't just solve problems for operators, it creates real business opportunities."

"We have always been impressed with Ekinops' ability to deliver smart technical solutions to real-world problems," comments Vladimír Fabini, Head of Development of Access Network Technologies, Česká Telekomunikační Infrastruktura. "The launch of our wholesale Ethernet over VDSL2 package will enable our service provider



customers to broaden the market for high-speed SME business connectivity and deliver real business benefits to companies right across our country."

The ONE521 is part of a new iteration of the OneAccess branded access platforms to run on OneOS6, the firm's flexible and virtualization-ready operating system. The combination of next generation Fiber and VDSL technologies and OneOS6 allows operators to retain maximum flexibility and choice over how they deliver these high-speed services and network functions to their customers.

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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 two highly complementary product sets. One, marketed under the Ekinops 360 brand name, provides a single, fully integrated platform for metro, regional, and long-haul applications. The other, marketed under the OneAccess brand name, provides a wide choice of physical and virtualized deployment options for Layer 2 and Layer 3 network functions.

As service providers embrace SDN and NFV deployment models, Ekinops' solutions enable them to deploy today in the knowledge that they can seamlessly migrate to an open virtualized delivery model at a time of their choosing.

A global organization, with operations in 4 continents; 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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Česká telekomunikační infrastruktura a.s. (CETIN) owns and operates the largest telecommunications network in the Czech Republic, covering the entire geographic territory of the nation. We are an autonomous wholesaler and completely independent. Our philosophy is to provide open access to the network, offering fair and equal conditions to all operators. As the owner and operator of the largest telecommunications network in the country, we are always here for you and your customers.