

Press Release

## **Ekinops Receives Brocade Data Center Ready Status for End-To-End Storage Networking Compatibility**

### **Ekinops 360 Demonstrates Compatibility in Heterogeneous Brocade-Based Storage Area Network Environments**

PARIS, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 – Ekinops, a leading optical transport provider for service providers and enterprises, today announced that its flagship Ekinops 360 platform has been verified by Brocade Communications Systems Inc. as compatible with Brocade-based Storage Area Networking (SAN) infrastructure, according to the testing requirements of the Brocade Data Center Ready Program. The program is an initiative designed to foster interoperability in multi-vendor Brocade-based data center environments.

Testing was conducted at the Brocade Data Center Ready labs, which are state-of-the-art facilities supporting end-to-end interoperability and performance testing of SAN products in multi-vendor and large fabric environments. The Brocade Data Center Ready Program boasts an impressive group of members joining the program since its launch in 2000.

*“Brocade certification is a very important validation of Ekinops’ approach to storage area networking in data center environments.”* said Rob Adams, Vice President of Global Marketing and Product Line Management for Ekinops. *“To handle the skyrocketing data needs of data centers, they need the kinds of Fibre Channel solutions we offer to meet their needs. With Brocade certification, they are assured of our products compatibility in their centers.”*

The Fibre Channel SAN solutions from Ekinops enabled by the Ekinops 360 offer a number of advantages over standard SAN solutions. In addition to providing the most commonly used standard SAN Service types and rates (1G, 2G, 4G, and 10G) today, Ekinops leverages the unique capabilities provided by the Ekinops 360 platform to provide differentiating advantages to service providers.

*“We are pleased that Ekinops has successfully completed the Data Center Ready testing with Brocade switches and directors in multi-vendor SAN environments.”* said Ben Taft, Senior Director of Strategic Alliances at Brocade. *“Storage area networks are being deployed worldwide at a rapid rate as a scalable, high-performance networking foundation for storage environments. The Brocade Data Center Ready program is an example of our continued commitment to delivering end-to-end interoperability to customers.”*

## **About the Brocade Data Center Ready Program**

The Brocade Data Center Ready program is a comprehensive testing and configuration initiative designed to foster end-to-end SAN interoperability. As part of the program, testing is conducted in SAN configurations that include a heterogeneous mix of servers, storage systems, Brocade switches, SAN management and enterprise applications, and other SAN technologies. Brocade has created an interoperability lab featuring a heterogeneous SAN fabric, in which the company tests and validates partner equipment in specific configurations. Vendors receive Brocade Data Center Ready qualification after completing tests to confirm that vendors' products meet interoperability guidelines. For more information, visit <http://www.brocade.com/partnerships/index.page>.

## **About Ekinops**

Ekinops is a leading designer and supplier of next generation optical transport equipment for service providers and enterprise customers. The Ekinops 360 Dynamic, Multi-Reach Transport System provides DWDM and CWDM on a single platform that addresses Metro, Regional, and Long Haul applications. The Ekinops 360 system relies on the innovative, programmable Ekinops T-Chip® (*TRANSPORT ON-A-CHIP TECHNOLOGY*) that enables Fast, Flexible, and Cost-effective service delivery for building high speed optical networks. Using the Ekinops 360 carrier-grade system, operators can increase transport capacity of their networks – CWDM, DWDM, Ethernet, ESCON, Fiber Channel, SONET/SDH, and uncompressed video (HD-SDI, SD-SDI, ASI) – through the industry's most efficient aggregation of services. The company is headquartered in Lannion, France, with offices in Europe, the USA and Asia. For more information, visit Ekinops at [www.ekinops.net](http://www.ekinops.net).

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