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Ekinops Upgrades Submarine Cable for Global Caribbean Network

Paris, 16 June 2025 – Ekinops (Euronext Paris - FR0011466069 – EKI), a leading optical transport and network access specialist, today announced that Global Caribbean Network (GCN), a provider of wholesale capacity to telcos in the Caribbean region, has upgraded its existing subsea cable network using the Ekinops360 WDM platform with FlexRate™ technology.

GCN operates a cable system in the Guadeloupe region of the Caribbean consisting of critical routes unserved by other cables. With service areas separated by long spans that have challenging optical requirements, GCN needed a solution that could support services from 10G to 100G on extended links over 350Km. Using the 400FRS04-SF module, ROADMs and low noise amplifiers from Ekinops, GCN is now able to deliver the bandwidth needed for the local service providers throughout the region to offer high bandwidth internet services to the local populations.

GCN built its original cable system as part of a public service delegation contract with the regional council of Guadeloupe. By its nature, the contract requires control of the cable be returned to the regional government after a fixed period of time. As a pre-requisite GCN needed to modernize the infrastructure with a future-proof network capable of supporting higher capacities. Recognizing Ekinops' ability to deliver the solution, services and support it needed within a tight schedule, GCN selected the Ekinops360 even after comparing it to purpose-built submarine systems.

"We were very impressed with Ekinops ability to not just meet our requirements but also their willingness to work with us in finding the best solution," **commented Axel Adenet, Chief Operations Officer at GCN**. "We made it our mission to upgrade the network with cutting-edge equipment and technology, as we wanted to ensure that the cable system may continue in operation for many years and Ekinops proved to be the best partner for doing that. Being able to use a French technology company has also been a key factor in our choice since national sovereignty stakes are high for these strategic data flows."

"The platform flexibility of the Ekinops360 makes it highly efficient for a wide range of applications, including subsea deployment," said **Frank Dedobbeleer, Chief Revenue Officer, EMEA & APAC at Ekinops**: "Ekinops origins are actually in the submarine world, so we are able to leverage our deep expertise in this area to address the needs of customers like GCN."

For more information about the Ekinops360 portfolio, please visit https://www.ekinops.com/solutions/optical-transport

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About GCN

Global Caribbean Network (GCN) is a 100%-owned affiliate of Groupe Loret (https://groupeloret.net/en/), which is specialized in operating the "GCN" subsea cable linking the Guadeloupe, St Martin and St Barts islands with one another and to the US (through St Croix and Puerto Rico). This cable system, financed at 65 % by the Regional Council of Guadeloupe, Europe and France, has empowered the exponential development of the telco sector throughout the Lesser Antilles since 2006, offering an alternate route and competitive pricing for wholesale capacity from these territories to the global Internet.

About Ekinops

Ekinops is a leading provider of open, trusted and innovative network connectivity 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: EKINOPS360, OneAccess and Compose.

- EKINOPS360 provides optical transport solutions for metro, regional and long-distance networks with WDM for high-capacity point-to-point, ring, and optical mesh architectures.

- 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 and Nuvla Edge-to-Cloud solutions.

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 operates on four continents.

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