ECI Telecom and Fibra Networks Partner to Deploy Advanced Triple-Play GPON Network in Norway

Fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network delivers advanced broadband services to local residents.

Petah Tikva, Israel (PRWEB) February 27, 2008 -- ECI Telecom, a global provider of networking infrastructure, today announced it has partnered with Fibra Networks AS, a Norwegian network builder and supplier of fiber optics, to build its first gigabit passive optical network (GPON) in Norway. Using ECI's Hi-FOCuS™ MultiService Access Node (MSAN) platform in a GPON OLT (optical line terminator) configuration, the GPON project will deliver fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) with cost-effective broadband and video capabilities for Norwegian residents.

Fibra chose ECI's Hi-FOCuS™ MSAN based on its ability to combine GPON FTTH functionality and high-speed wide area network interfaces in a highly efficient multifunction scalable platform. The GPON network enables bandwidth-intensive video services, such as IPTV, HDTV and multicast distribution of television, as well as Internet access and IP-based telephony allowing Norwegian residents to have access to the full range of triple-play services.

"With ECI's Hi-FOCuS™ MSAN solution, we are able to efficiently build a GPON network that can cost-effectively provide advanced, IP-based services," said Truls R. Jorgensen, CEO of Fibra Networks. "The solution's advanced GPON FTTH capabilities and scalable platform provide the opportunity for future expansions throughout the entire region."

ECI's Hi-FOCuS™ MSAN in GPON OLT configuration eliminates the requirement for individual fibers at each point. One single GPON port at the central office supports up to 128 FTTH users.

"ECI is honored that its Hi-FOCuS™ MSAN solution has been selected as the chosen platform for this advanced GPON network," said Joop van Aard, General Manager for the EMEA region. "The Norwegian market is a high-end environment where the demand for triple-play applications is rapidly growing and with that the need of network operators to deploy broadband intensive services in the most flexible and cost effective manner."

About Fibra Networks:
Fibra Networks is a Norwegian supplier of fiber-optic networks. It designs and delivers fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) networks based on both active and passive technologies. Since its inception by the Norwegian telecom-supplier Telenor ASA in 1999, Fibra Networks has built more than 5,000 kilometers of MAN/LAN and FTTH networks in the regions it operates. For more information, please visit www.fibranet.no.

About ECI Telecom:
ECI Telecom delivers innovative communications platforms to carriers and service providers worldwide. ECI provides efficient platforms and solutions that enable customers to rapidly deploy cost-effective, revenue-generating services. Founded in 1961, Israel-based ECI has consistently delivered customer-focused networking solutions to the world's largest carriers. The Company is also a market leader in many emerging markets. ECI provides scalable broadband access, transport and data networking infrastructure that provides the foundation for the communications of tomorrow, including next-generation voice, IPTV, mobility and other business solutions. For more information, please visit ecitele.com.
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