



PRESS RELEASE

## Strata Networks Chooses Ekinops for System Upgrade

**Rockville, November 13th, 2023 – Ekinops (Euronext Paris - FR0011466069 – EKI)**, a leading optical transport and network access specialist, today announced that it has been chosen by Strata Networks, a fast-growing service provider and Utah's largest telecommunications cooperative, to upgrade its optical transport network using the Ekinops360 with FlexRate™ technology.

Based in Roosevelt, Utah, Strata's network extends throughout the Uintah Basin, into the Wasatch Front, and to Denver. Strata continues to expand and improve its fiber footprint to remain at the forefront of providing best-in-class residential and business services including phone, television, broadband Internet and mobile. Strata's service area is characterized by difficult terrain and includes a diverse demographic including mid-sized urban and remote rural areas. To serve all these areas and provide uniformly robust performance regardless of size or location, Strata recognized the need for a reliable and easy to use transport solution to deliver scalable and cost-effective capacity.

Using the Ekinops360 optical solution along with 200G and 400G FlexRate modules and Celestis® NMS, Ekinops' advanced network management system, Strata is able to increase the scope and performance of its optical transport network, extending 100G links all the way to its point-of-presence in Denver serving its customers in Colorado. Ekinops PM400FR05 uses high-power pluggable coherent optics to provide up to 400G of capacity for metro/regional connectivity at a lower cost than traditional transponders, while Celestis NMS allows Strata complete control over its network. Celestis' easy-to-use interface gives Strata the ability to monitor, troubleshoot and upgrade services at any node from a centralized network operations center, minimizing truck rolls, helping Strata to reduce its carbon footprint.

"Ekinops was able to step up and deliver everything we needed to improve our network performance so we can continue providing the quality of service for which we're known," **commented Brent Simmons, Vice President of Technology** at Strata. "We were particularly impressed with Celestis NMS and its ability to give us a level of visibility and control we didn't have before. Its interface makes it easy to use so we can get up to speed quickly to manage the network effectively from day one."

"Strata has a large and challenging service area with connectivity needed in a lot of rural locations hundreds of miles away," said **Kevin Antill, Chief Revenue Officer North America at Ekinops**: "This is really the sweet spot for the Ekinops360, providing high performance capacity with the high level of control delivered by Celestis NMS at a cost point that supports our customer's business model."

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

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## 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, and OTN for improved bandwidth utilization and efficient multi-service aggregation.
- 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 SixSq 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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## About Strata:

Strata Networks is the leading telecommunications provider in the Uintah Basin, providing high-speed broadband service, as well as nationwide wireless service and a TV product. Headquartered in Roosevelt, Utah, Strata celebrates over 70 years of experience in the telecommunications industry and three decades of experience in building and operating fiber optic networks. The strength of Strata lies within its team of more than 300 employees who are committed to providing quality work and an exceptional experience for their customers and partners. The company functions as a local cooperative, in which customers can also become member-owners of the company who may receive patronage dividends and participate in company voting processes. More information is available at <https://stratanetworks.com/>.