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ECI TELECOM PLACES IN TOP FIVE P-OTS SOLUTIONS

--As dozens vie for a share of this growing market, ECI telecom emerges as a leader in Edge/Aggregation Network Solutions--

PETACH TIKVAH, ISRAEL – December 17, 2014 – ECI Telecom, a global provider of next-generation network solutions, has been named by HEAVY READING as one of the Top 5 P-OTS solutions for Edge/Aggregation Networks. ECI placed in the Top 5 over dozens of other industry leading competitors based on a list of criteria including breadth of portfolio, range of functionality and uniqueness of approach.

"Aggregation and edge transport networks are undergoing a wave of innovation that is far bigger, and far more disruptive, than has been seen for years," says Simon Sherrington, contributing analyst with Heavy Reading Insider and author of the report. "Changes to networks are not just focused on cost and density, but reflect the near total change in services running over the top of them that has been witnessed in the past 10 to 15 years." (Heavy Reading, 2014¹)

The HEAVY READING report stresses that as dozens of players are vying for a share of this growing market, advances in optical technology are driving platform change and scale in aggregation/edge platforms. SDN is transforming how these transport solutions will be managed. ECI Telecom's Apollo and NPT converged transport platforms provide end-to-end packet optical transport for Layer 0 through Layer 3 services coverage. The solutions extend seamlessly from the metro access to the regional core and long haul. Recently, ECI announced the release of SmartLight, its framework for deploying software defined networks (SDN) and network functions virtualization (NFV). By supporting "smart migration", SmartLight's open standard approach enables service providers to start enjoying the benefits of SDN immediately on their current installed base.

"We are thrilled that ECI Telecom has received the highest scores for breadth of our portfolio and range of functionality," states Jimmy Mizrachi, GM of Portfolio Business at ECI Telecom. "The industry is well aware that ECI was an early proponent of packet optical convergence and, as a result, one of the first to bring OTN to the metro level. We scored high on the uniqueness of our approach; due in part to the modular architecture of our offering which enables our clients to tailor a solution that meets their current needs while future proofing their system for tomorrow."

The high score was based primarily on the fact that ECI has developed, and still supports, three different series of packet-optical transport platforms which can be used as individual solutions or combined into one unified solution. In addition, all of ECI's platforms support Ethernet synchronization. The Apollo and NPT platforms support OTN, 100GE and 100 Gbit/s wavelength options. This range of functionality coupled with its CE2.0 certification, SDN readiness and LightApps SDN application suite scored the maximum points with the HEAVY READING judges.

To read more regarding the entire HEAVY READING Insider report visit [Competitive Analysis: P-OTS for Edge/Aggregation Networks](#) . For more information on how ECI solutions can empower your network and optimize the performance of vital applications visit www.ecitele.com .

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¹Heavy Reading, (2014). *Big Changes in Store for Edge/Aggregation Networks*, *Heavy Reading Reports*. [online] Available at: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/big-changes-in-store-for-edgeaggregation-networks-heavy-reading-reports-278371331.html> [Accessed 1 Dec. 2014].

ABOUT ECI TELECOM

ECI Telecom delivers comprehensive network solutions to service providers around the globe. Along with its long standing, industry proven next generation packet optical transport, today ECI offers a variety of SDN/NFV applications, a comprehensive cyber security solution and a range of professional services. ECI's solutions and products transform any transport network into a competitive advantage by enabling customers to rapidly and cost-effectively deploy revenue-generating services. For more information how ECI can support your business, visit us at www.ecitele.com.

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Heavy Reading (www.heavyreading.com), the research division of Light Reading, offers deep analysis of emerging telecom trends to network operators, technology suppliers, and investors. Its product portfolio includes in-depth reports that address critical next-generation technology and service issues, market trackers that focus on the telecom industry's most critical technology sectors, exclusive worldwide surveys of network operator decision-makers that identify future purchasing and deployment plans, and a rich array of custom and consulting services that give clients the market intelligence needed to compete successfully in the global telecom industry.

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