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## ECI® NAMED FINALIST FOR THREE LEADING LIGHTS 2016 AWARDS

*ECI is a contender for most innovative security strategy, best new product telecom and the Hedy Lamarr Award for female tech pioneer of the year*

Petach Tikvah, May 3, 2016 --- [ECI](#), a global provider of ELASTIC Network® solutions for service providers, utilities and data center operators, announced today that the company has made the shortlist in three of Light Reading's Leading Lights 2016 awards categories. ECI's LightSEC™ Security Suite is a finalist for most innovative security strategy (vendor). ECI's Apollo (OPT) 9900 series is on the short list for best new product telecom. Ms. Sigal Barda, VP R&D Cyber, NFV and Apps at ECI, is a contender for the Hedy Lamarr Award for Female Tech Pioneer of the Year.

**Best new product telecom** is awarded to the company that has developed a potentially market-leading product that, through engineering and technical excellence, enables the deployment of profitable next-generation telecom services. The **Most Innovative Security Strategy** award (vendor) is awarded to the vendor that has unveiled the most innovative security product/platform strategy during the past year. And, the **Hedy Lamarr Award for Female Tech Pioneer of the Year**, voted on by the WiC (Women in Comms) Board of Advisors, seeks to recognize a woman in the next-gen telecom industry for her remarkable influence and technological contributions to the sector in the past year. The winners will be announced at the Leading Lights awards dinner, which will be held during the evening of Monday, May 23, at the Hotel Ella in Austin, Texas.

"We are honoured to again make the shortlists for the very prestigious Light Reading, Leading Lights 2016 competition. We view this as a reflection and validation of our efforts to produce technologies and solutions that can successfully service today's customer needs and well as easily, efficiently and flexibly adapt to future industry demands. We are especially proud of Ms. Sigal Barda, whose talent and grace have firmly contributed to both the inception and development of our LightSEC holistic security suite. We would like to thank the Leading Lights Awards Committee and the Women in Comms Committee for their consideration and to congratulate our fellow finalists. Good luck to all of us," said Darryl Edwards, President and CEO of ECI.

### About ECI's Leading Lights 2016 Awards Finalists

**ECI's LightSEC Cyber Security Solution** is an open, secure and vendor agnostic solution. Comprehensive, flexible and centralized, LightSEC enables customers to cope well with current

security challenges as well as retain the ability to add security functions to protect against future threats. The LightSEC solution is comprised of three major pillars:

- **A Suite of Security Applications**
- **LightSEC-V™**
- **The Mercury™ NFV solution**

**The Apollo OPT 9900 series**, which consists of high capacity, multi-layer switching platforms, is one of the densest, most energy efficient, hybrid OTN/packet switch on the market today. Designed for core networks, the Apollo OPT 9900 series is available in two versions: the OPT 9932 with 16T and the OPT 9914 with 5.6T for lower capacity requirements.

**Sigal Barda** is responsible for building and maintaining a multidisciplinary group tasked with developing best of breed NFV, cyber technologies and apps. Her compact department consistently produces industry trailblazers. Ms. Barda is not new to breaking new ground and leading by example. She inspires her team to push limits in the pursuit of excellence. In the last year she has driven and defined roadmaps for a variety of pioneering products such as ECI's LightSEC™ cyber security solution, Mercury™ NFV platform and LightAPPS™.

#### **ABOUT ECI**

ECI is a global provider of ELASTIC Network solutions to CSPs, utilities as well as data center operators. Along with its long-standing, industry-proven packet-optical transport, ECI offers a variety of SDN/NFV applications, end-to-end network management, a comprehensive cyber security solution, and a range of professional services. ECI's ELASTIC solutions ensure open, future-proof, and secure communications. With ECI, customers have the luxury of choosing a network that can be tailor-made to their needs today as well as be seamlessly and cost effectively upgraded to future requirements. For more information, visit us at [www.ecitele.com](http://www.ecitele.com).

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