Ekinops, Growth Companies' Grand Prize

Winner 2017

PARIS, June 1st, 2017 – Ekinops, a leading supplier of next-generation optical network equipment, was awarded the 2017 Growth Companies' Grand Prize in the Electronics and Robotics category, for companies with between €5 million and €20 million of turnover, at a ceremony held on May 31, 2017.

Created in partnership with the French Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Growth Companies' Grand Prize is awarded to French companies that have experienced strong growth in their turnover over the past three years. Supported by numerous institutions, including Medef, CroissancePlus and CPME, the Grand Prix selects more than 200 companies and celebrates fourteen sectors, as well as all the stages of growth of a company. For each sector, the selected companies compete in the category corresponding to their turnover, namely: 5-20 million euros // 20-100 million euros // 100 million-1 billion euros.

Didier Brédy, CEO of Ekinops, said:

"Over the past three years, Ekinops has delivered sustained growth of + 48% between 2014 and 2016, which is rewarded through this award. The year 2017 started on a dynamic basis with a first quarter growth of + 22%, representing a 7th consecutive quarter of growth of 20% or more. These steady increases reflect Ekinops' ability to generate sustained growth, particularly in 2017, year for which we intend to make further sustained progress."

Ekinops receives Innovation Award from Celtic-Plus European Research Program

In addition, during May 2017, Ekinops received an Innovation Award from Celtic-Plus for its participation in the SASER project.

Celtic-Plus is the research program of European industry, under the aegis of EUREKA, specializing in telecommunications and information technology. The program covers many areas of ICT, such as communications, infrastructure, applications and multimedia.

SASER is a European project that aims to make communication networks in Europe faster, more profitable, safer and more secure. As part of this project, a world record for optical transmission was established in 2015 on the Lyon-Marseille-Lyon link of the fiber optic infrastructure of Orange's operational network. To establish this transmission record, Orange relied in particular on new hybrid Raman / Erbium optical amplifiers developed by Ekinops (read the press release of June 22nd 2015).

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About Ekinops

Ekinops is a leading supplier of next generation optical transport equipment for telecommunications service providers. The Ekinops 360 addresses Metro, Regional, and Long-Haul applications with a single, highly-integrated platform. Ekinops is a market-leading innovator in 100G transport with a coherent line of products that truly optimizes optical networks and comes in 1RU, 2RU or 7RU chassis. The Ekinops 360 relies on the highly-programmable Ekinops T-Chip® (Transport-on-a-Chip) architecture that enables fast, flexible and cost-effective delivery of new services for high-speed, high-capacity transport. Using the Ekinops 360 carrier-grade system, operators can simply increase capacity of their networks – CWDM, DWDM, Ethernet, ESCON, Fibre Channel, SONET/SDH, and uncompressed video (HD-SDI, SD-SDI, ASI). Ekinops is headquartered in Lannion, France, and Ekinops Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary, is incorporated in the USA.

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