EANTC showcases interconnected Carrier Ethernet services of Abovenet, Level 3, Teragate, and Tinet at *Light Reading's* Ethernet Europe conference in London

London, April 11, 2011. EANTC AG (European Advanced Networking Test Center) today announced its plans to complete its latest independent Carrier Ethernet Global Interconnect test tomorrow, conducted across live service provider production networks in London, Frankfurt, and New York. Service providers Abovenet, Level 3, Teragate, and Tinet participated, interconnecting their networks through Carrier Ethernet exchanges provided by Equinix.

The results will be presented at *Light Reading's* Ethernet Europe conference this week, April 12-13th at the Marriott Grosvenor Square in London. At EANTC's booth, the above carriers as well as leading Ethernet infrastructure vendors MRV Communications, Ominitron Systems and RAD Data Communications will be part of the Global Interconnect Showcase where delegates will be introduced to the test methodology and findings in detail.

Since the beginning of the program a year ago, EANTC has successfully tested the interconnection of 14 service providers spanning the globe — from the USA, to Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, the UK, Turkey, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine — delivering end-to-end Carrier Ethernet services to each region.

"The results will prove that the participating providers are able to deliver consistent Carrier Ethernet services with application-specific classes of service across their interconnected networks — creating competitive advantages in a market where the majority of players are still advocating single-class, single-provider Ethernet private lines," said Carsten Rossenhoevel, Managing Director of EANTC. "For the first time, we are publicly testing E-LANs across multiple networks which underlines the growing importance of multipoint Carrier Ethernet services."

"Carrier Interconnect is a crucial issue facing service providers and Ethernet Europe is proud to partner with EANTC to help lead the industry with the Global Interconnect Demo," said Joseph Braue, EVP/Group Director of the Light Reading Communications Network. In addition, the Metropolitan Ethernet Forum (MEF) will be presenting a tutorial "The Building Blocks for Ethernet Interconnects" on Wednesday, April 13 at the show and there will be other relevant sessions led by analysts at Heavy Reading, the telecom technology research arm of Light Reading, Braue said.

MRV, Omnitron, and RAD are providing advanced Network Interface Devices (NIDs) for the Showcase. The NIDs terminated all services at remote locations and served as reliable management points for service activation, troubleshooting and Ethernet performance monitoring.

A white paper with detailed results will be available online at http://www.eantc.de/cegi2011.

About EANTC
The European Advanced Networking Test Center (EANTC) offers vendor-neutral consultancy and test facilities for network equipment manufacturers, service providers and enterprise customers. Primary business areas include interoperability, conformance, and performance testing for Carrier Ethernet, IP/MPLS, and Triple Play technologies and applications. For more information contact Carsten Rossenhoevel, Managing Director, at +49.30.3180595-0 or via e-mail at cross@eantc.com. http://www.eantc.com

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