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**ECI'S NEPTUNE (NPT) SELECTED BY BHARTI AIRTEL INDIA TO
EXPAND MOBILE BACKHAUL TRANSPORT CAPABILITIES AND SUPPORT 4G**

*NPT provides optimized, multi-layer packet transport for metro-core
and aggregation networks*

PETACH TIKVA, ISRAEL, February 19, 2016 --- ECI Telecom, a global provider of ELASTIC Network™ solutions for service providers, utilities and data center operators, announced today that Bharti Airtel has chosen ECI's Neptune (NPT) family of products to expand its mobile backhaul transport capabilities across India to support the increasing demand for bandwidth.

Bharti Airtel Limited is a leading global telecommunications company with operations in 20 countries across Asia and Africa. Headquartered in New Delhi, India, the company ranks amongst the top 3 mobile service providers globally, with more than 350M subscribers. Bharti chose ECI's Neptune solutions for their 'state of the art' Evolved Packet Transport (EPT) Network.

The Neptune (NPT) solutions will be deployed countrywide and will enable Bharti to provide services efficiently, as it migrates its mobile networks from 2G to 3G to 4G, and eventually to LTE-A. Neptune offers a powerful, efficient, E2E metro-core and aggregation solution for high-performance L1 to L3 services through convergence of IP, Elastic MPLS (IP and TP), Ethernet (MEF CE2.0 certified), OTN and WDM. The platform will evolve to support NFV services and SDN applications, compulsory in future metro environments.

Mr. Sorin Lupu, EVP Global Sales and Marketing at ECI said, "Our Neptune family was developed to help service providers flexibly and cost effectively cope with the surge in data traffic. The products in the family are uniquely scalable, enabling our customers to stagger their investments as their needs change over time. As such they are ELASTIC enough to serve the needs of Tier 1 operators like Bharti as well as smaller service providers. Bharti's decision to choose the Neptune family is a huge vote of confidence, in terms of our solution as well as ECI. We are confident that ECI's Neptune solutions will satisfy Bharti's current as well as future needs."

Neptune is designed to efficiently and reliably carry packet traffic, while maintaining essential carrier-grade characteristics like low transit latency, hitless protection and restoration mechanisms. The platforms combine a scalable modular architecture, with a minimal footprint



in a rugged solution designed to meet any network topology. As with all of ECI's transport products, Neptune is managed by the unified, multilayer LightSoft® NMS that provides full control over tens of thousands of elements and tight monitoring of critical data traversing the network.

ECI will be exhibiting at Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, February 22-25, 2016 in Hall 5 Booth #5F81.

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.

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