

ECI® Publishes 2016 Sustainability Report: *The Future is Elastic*

ECI's Elastic Approach Continues to Deliver Sustainable Solutions, Demonstrating Industry Innovation and Growth

Petach Tikva, Israel – August 16, 2017 – [ECI](#), a global provider of ELASTIC Network® solutions for service providers, critical infrastructures, and data center operators, today released its 2016 Sustainability Report, *The Future is Elastic*. This is the sixth annual report in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) sustainability reporting framework, aligning with the most recent iteration, the GRI Standards, Core Option.

The report outlines the way ECI supports and delivers sustainable, innovative solutions and outstanding service, and the progress that has been made in the areas of Elasticity, Efficiency, Employees and Ethics. To better direct its efforts, ECI has also aligned its existing sustainability priorities with the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Elastic solutions are dictated by the need to be efficient, flexible and optimal for business growth, and at the core of the Elastic approach is the ability to meet today's needs, while remaining flexible to adapt to the changes of the future. ECI achieves this by anticipating developments in technology, maintaining a holistic understanding of the competitive challenges facing our customers and making strategic partnerships to benefit the industry. In the past year, ECI has made notable industry innovations and continued progress in sustainability by embracing open-source collaboration and launching new, customer-focused products. Some of these include increasing cyber-protection and improving network management and maintenance.

In 2016, ECI delivered a first-ever Proof of Concept innovation that could potentially transform how customers access bandwidth and on-demand applications. Through partnerships with four major communications providers, the capability supports unprecedented levels of network control and meets the need for a flexible, accessible service that opens the door to even more possibilities. Each aspect of the capability was supported by a different partner, and ECI provided the seamless platform, the "glue", to connect all the domains and ensure the delivery of the ultimate broadband-on-demand service. The PoC was showcased at MEF 16 annual congress, where it was recognized with a Proof of Concept Award.

"ECI believes that technology is key to global sustainability, and we have long-championed sustainable practices and spearheaded projects that ignite connectivity, economic development and business growth around the world," said Darryl Edwards, CEO and President of ECI. "Our year-round efforts to promote environmental responsibility, support the well-being of our workforce, and partner with ethical and similar-minded organizations is evident in our report. As a company, we are immensely proud of what we've achieved for sustainability so far, and will continue to incorporate this theme into our work every single day."

Notable achievements since the 2015 report:

- 62 percent absolute reduction in total waste since 2010, despite business growth

- 20 percent women managers as a percent of total managers
- 10 percent increase in employee volunteer hours in the community since 2016
- 81 percent strategic customers Customer Loyalty Index score in 2016 – score increased from 79 percent in 2014

ECI was also recognized by GeSI, the Global e-Sustainability Initiative, with an honorable mention in the Infrastructure and Telecom services category. GeSI is a global partnership of ICT companies and organizations who have joined efforts with the greater goals of encouraging the use of technology to improve sustainable development and achieving integrated social and environmental sustainability through ICT. Based on the review of more than 1,000 companies across the industry, in four unique sectors, the category recognizes exceptional performance by top suppliers of its members in the field of sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) practices.

For more information about ECI's corporate responsibility efforts and initiatives, please visit: <http://www.ecitele.com/corporate-responsibility/>. For the full CSR report, [click here](#).

ABOUT ECI

ECI is a global provider of ELASTIC network solutions to CSPs, critical infrastructures 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 cybersecurity 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 while being flexible enough to evolve with the changing needs of tomorrow.

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