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KOSC Telecom updates their national network with Nokia's 7750 Service Router

The new equipment now handles all of Kosc's Ethernet services

Paris, Tuesday 07 March 2017 - KOSC Telecom, the new French telecom network dedicated to wholesale operators, is pleased to announce that the **Nokia 7750 Service Routers are now in operation on its network**. The routers will be in charge of collecting, aggregating, and delivering KOSC's **Ethernet services**.

This is the second major investment for KOSC Telecom. The first was in July of last year when Kosc chose to partner with ADVA Optical Networking for its transport network upgrade.

Antoine Fournier, Kosc's CEO says *"Deploying this equipment has made it possible for Kosc to fuse its two networks together; the first used to belong to OVH and the second was acquired in March 2016 from Completel. It was around the middle of last year when we started telling operators about our road-map and the expected launches in Q1 2017 of our Bitstream DSL and EFM (Ethernet First Mile), with point-to-point fibre due in June 2017"*.

After consulting 5 different international vendors, KOSC decided on Nokia. Rodrigue Esteve, Kosc's Chief Operations Officer said *"It's crucial for us to have a consistently homogeneous infrastructure, which is why we've chosen to have just one vendor and one operating system across our core network. Nokia's 7750 SR routers have a size/performance ratio that's perfect for our needs: they've got a compact design and optimal footprint and they're extremely adaptable in terms of interface cards"*.

The other advantage of the 7750 is its [MEF Carrier Ethernet 2.0 certification](#) (Metro Ethernet Forum), the international industry standard for wholesale operators. KOSC Telecom now has the capacity to transport transparent Ethernet services to its customers.

Frédéric Bénétou, Head of France Customer Business Teams at Nokia says *"We're proud to be accompanying KOSC through this development phase. This project marks an important step in our long-term partnership with KOSC. Nokia builds high performance IP networks that reduce both the risks and the deadlines when launching new services, making it possible to respond more rapidly and efficiently to market demand"*.

KOSC's current network is made up of 20,000kms of fibre optic cables which stretch across mainland France connecting more than 180 cities, from Paris and Marseille to La Rochelle and Annecy.

About Kosc Telecom:

Kosc Telecom is the new French telecommunications operator dedicated to the wholesale business connectivity market. Directed by Antoine Fournier, Kosc Telecom is supported by a consortium which was formed by one of its main shareholders, Yann de Prince who is accompanied by his former partner; Boris Clause, OVH, (Europe's leading Cloud computing specialist and web host), who backed the company's creation, Bpifrance and other French financial partners. The management team controls the operator, and none of the co-shareholders holds a majority stake in the company.

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