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Sodvin AS Improves Broadband Services in the Nordics With Ciena's XGS-PON

Utility broadband provider transforms residential connectivity services with high-speed 10 Gb/s PON

HEIM, Norway, and HANOVER, Md., U.S.A. – July 10, 2024 – <u>Sodvin AS</u>, a provider of telecommunications and energy solutions, is leveraging <u>Ciena's</u> (NYSE: CIEN) <u>broadband solution</u> to improve the capacity and reach of its residential broadband services throughout Trøndelag county, Norway.

Sodvin utilizes its existing power infrastructure to deploy fiber-optic networks, extending broadband access to residents and businesses in the region. Ciena's <u>XGS-PON solution</u> replaces previously deployed GPON technology to deliver services such as internet and multicast television. XGS-PON provides significantly higher bandwidth compared to GPON, delivering symmetrical speeds of up to 10 Gb/s both downstream and upstream for faster and more efficient data transfer. Sodvin selected Ciena's solution following an extensive proof-of-concept evaluation of multiple vendors.

"We were seeking a modern, advanced technology that would provide greater bandwidth, increased flexibility, and open APIs for integration with our back-end systems," said Torbjørn Lernes, Network System Administrator at Sodvin. "Ciena's XGS-PON ticked all the boxes, allowing us to increase network performance and scale for future upgrades while providing an exceptional user experience."

Virginie Hollebecque, Vice President of Europe, Middle East, and Africa at Ciena, said: "Sodvin's choice of Ciena's broadband solution shows their commitment to staying at the forefront of technology, enabling them to deliver higher-speed services with unmatched flexibility and scalability to unlock new possibilities for their customers while reducing environmental impacts. We are delighted to count Sodvin as a customer, who supports the transition to a greener future through the use of sustainable technology." Sodvin's new residential broadband network utilizes key components of Ciena's PON solution, including <u>5164 Routers</u>, <u>XGS-PON uOLTs</u> (micro optical line terminals), and <u>3801 ONUs</u> (optical network units). Ciena's uOLT pluggables allow Sodvin to expand deployment rapidly, easily, and sustainably, adding capacity only when and where needed in granular increments to match customer demand.

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