

Ericsson unveils new Ethernet Metro Access Node at Broadband World Forum in Berlin

Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) unveils its new EMN120 Ethernet Metro Access Node at this week's Broadband World Forum in Berlin. EMN120 expands the Ericsson EDA broadband access portfolio to include Metro Ethernet products and strengthens Ericsson's Full Service Broadband offering.

Ericsson's EDA portfolio provides fixed broadband access solutions based on Ethernet technology. To meet the increasing demand for aggregating higher bandwidths through the network, Ericsson is introducing a compact EDA Metro Access Node, EMN120, to address pure Ethernet networks end-to-end. Deep in the access network, EMN120 is a natural extension of the access network towards the core of the broadband networks, aggregating the higher bandwidth following the growth of internet and IPTV services.

Martin Mellor, Head of Product Line Broadband Access at Ericsson, says: "The compact nature of the EMN120 makes it unique and ideal for first level aggregation between highly distributed access nodes and the Central Office (CO) based Metro network edge. It reinforces Ericsson's carrier Ethernet offering, providing a rich service mix of centralized and distributed network applications, such as cost-efficient delivery of video services, over a Full Service Broadband architecture."

The EMN120, combined with a Redback SmartEdge router, allows achieving a flexible mix between cost, intelligence and performance, and preparing for 10GE aggregation at the first level. The EMN120 also complements Ericsson's OMS carrier products for pure transport solutions.

EMN120 is commercially available and is showcased at the Broadband World Forum in Berlin, October 8-11, 2007, at the Ericsson stand.

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About Ericsson's EDA EMN120

Ericsson's Metro Access Node EMN120 facilitates a cost-effective Layer 2 and Layer 3 Gigabit Ethernet aggregation node with optional 10 GE uplinks. It reinforces Ericsson's carrier Ethernet strategy to provide a rich service mix of centralized and distributed network applications over a Full Service Broadband architecture.

In this way, EMN120 complements both the OMS Ethernet Transport portfolio, which tightly couples the packet aggregation capability with Optical/WDM integration for a reliable transmission over fiber, as well as the Redback SmartEdge portfolio, which provides IP Service Intelligence.

EMN120 is dedicated to Ericsson's EDA solution but can also be used for Ethernet aggregation in non-EDA networks. The versatile product platform allows EMN120 to operate at different points of the network; for example in packet-oriented radio access networks.