

## Press Release

### **Basefarm signs agreement with Smartoptics to expand DCI capacity for Norwegian data centers**

**Oslo, Norway – April 15, 2021 – Smartoptics, a leading provider of optical networking solutions, announced today that European managed service provider Basefarm has signed an agreement with Smartoptics to upgrade its Norwegian fiber network. The new network will help Basefarm meet increasing needs for higher bandwidth and improve performance in its data storage service offering.**

To address customer needs in both the private and public sector, Basefarm decided to upgrade the data center interconnect for its three Norwegian data centers. The solution is based on the Smartoptics DCP-M40 open line system and PAM4 optics, giving Basefarm a stable ring network for 32G Fibre Channel interconnecting the three data centers.

“Stability is a high priority in Basefarm’s services for both data center storage and interconnection. Our long-standing confidence in Smartoptics from previous projects in both Norway and Sweden along with an innovative and robust solution were the deciding factors in choosing a supplier for our new fiber network. Doubling capacity from 16G to 32G puts us in a better position to meet customer needs for reliable communication between our data centers. This gives us a stable platform to continuously introduce new services and more active applications that meet enterprise market needs,” says Morten Nyhuus-Eriksen, Global Head of Storage and Backup at Basefarm.

Smartoptics’ DWDM-based solution enables Basefarm to maximize the value of the leased lines between its data centers. Choosing an active line system makes it possible to monitor all lines, ensuring that services can be delivered in line with the high quality standards the company’s customers expect.

“We have made major investments in developing our offering for the DCI segment to meet needs for increased capacity, security and robustness in DCI networks. The Basefarm project is a shining example of the success of our efforts to meet data center needs for secure and reliable DCI links carrying storage traffic and other applications,” says Magnus Grenfeldt, CEO of Smartoptics.

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#### **About Smartoptics**

Smartoptics provides innovative optical networking solutions and devices for the new era of open networking. Our customer base includes thousands of enterprises, governments, cloud providers, Internet exchanges as well as cable and telecom operators. We have an open networking approach in everything we do which allows our customers to break unwanted vendor lock-in, remain flexible and minimize costs. Our solutions are used in metro and regional network applications that increasingly rely on data center services and specifications. Smartoptics is a Scandinavian company founded in 2006. We partner with leading technology and network solution providers such as Brocade, Cisco, HPE and Dell EMC and have a global reach through more than 100 business partners.

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#### **About Basefarm - an Orange Business Services subsidiary.**

Basefarm is a European Managed Service Provider of business-critical IT solutions. The company creates market leaders by integrating the key competencies for digital transformation – big data, cloud

computing and information security, digital workspace into one service offering. Our delivery model covers the entire spectrum from innovation through commissioning to continuous production, including strategy consulting, implementation projects and infrastructure operations with a common operating model regardless of the cloud platform chosen. Basefarm was established in Norway in 2000 where the company also provides data centre services. A team of over 760 IT engineers and consultants' services global clients from European offices and data centres in Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands, Germany and Austria. In August 2018, Basefarm was acquired by the Orange Group, a leading global telecommunications operator, to reinforce the cloud expertise of its enterprise division Orange Business Services.

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