

BKtel Takes Over Broadband Activities from Kathrein



Hueckelhoven, April 26, 2017 - Optics specialist BKtel will take over the products from the Gigabit Networks and CATV headend activities from Kathrein starting from June 1, 2017. The newly formed BKtel networks GmbH located in Rosenheim is continuing all related businesses, in particular concerning the following product groups: fibre nodes, coax amplifiers, underfloor taps, broadband communication modules, headends, and remote PHY. The companies also agreed on an extensive strategic partnership. This includes sales cooperation as well as the continuation of production of the transferred products by Kathrein.

Both companies, looking back on more than ten years of successful collaboration, see great advantages in the deepened cooperation. Dr Jürgen Seidenberg, Managing Director of the BKtel Group, is enthusiastic: "With this step, BKtel strengthens its competence as a system supplier offering complete signal processing in HFC and FttH networks from the headend down to the customer premises building. In this way, we can optimally combine digital competence with analogue transmission know-how and expand our position as one of the leading suppliers in the industry. We are particularly pleased that all the experienced experts are ready to transfer to BKtel. This ensures continuity for our customers."

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Jürgen Walter, Executive Vice President and Head of Solutions at Kathrein, adds: "On one hand we sharpen the orientation of our portfolio in the solutions and services business. On the other hand, we have created an attractive, future-oriented solution for our customers and for the further development of the products. It is also very positive that our specialists have the best career opportunities at a renowned and successful system supplier."

About BKtel

BKtel develops active and passive equipment for FTTH, RF Video Overlay, RFoG and HFC broadband networks and related network management. The product portfolio includes a wide range of products starting from optical transmitters, optical amplifiers, optical receivers, optical return channel systems, customer premises equipment up to DWDM technology for upstream and downstream applications.

More information about BKtel at www.bktel.com.

About Kathrein

Kathrein is a leading international specialist for reliable, high-quality communication technologies. The company is an innovation and technology leader in today's connected world. Its ability to provide solutions and services enables people all over the world to communicate, access information and use media, whether at home, at the office or on the road. The business covers a broad spectrum: from mobile communication and RFID solutions, to satellite reception, broadband and broadcast technology, to transmission and reception systems in vehicles. As a hidden champion and family-owned enterprise, Kathrein has been working on the technologies of tomorrow since 1919. The company takes pride in its dedicated employees and passion for customers and quality.

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