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Connectem & Telekom Austria Group's subsidiary Vipnet demonstrate Virtual EPC in live network in Pula, Croatia.

Telecom elements based on NFV will achieve significant cost savings and optimize the use of resources.

San Jose, Calif., June, 16th, 2014 – A few weeks before the 15th birthday of Croatian carrier Vipnet, they have demonstrated one the world's first virtual EPC deployment in their live network. In Zitnjak, Zagreb, key executives from Vipnet , Telekom Austria Group & Connectem demonstrated live transmission of high resolution (HD) video directly from Medulin, Croatia using LTE technology with data transfer speed of about 100 Mb / s through the Connectem virtual Evolved Packet Core (VCM).

Startup Connectem, creator of the cloud-based Virtual Core for Mobile (VCM) solution worked with the Vipnet team over the past few months to implement, test and deploy their vEPC solution into the working LTE network...*"Vipnet has been working on Project SPHERE which amongst others refers to the successful testing and introduction of NFV technology. The Connectem vEPC running in our live network is one of the first such deployments in the world. In the years to come network functions virtualization technology will greatly change the Vipnet network architecture and provide a faster and more efficient implementation of new functionality for users"* said Mladen Pejković, Vipnet CEO .

NFV is a substantial change in the way telecommunication infrastructure is deployed and will bring significant changes to the way that applications are delivered to service providers. NFV will realize cost efficiencies and speed up time-to-market for applications. Furthermore it will enable significant benefits through deployment of virtualised network applications on shared IT infrastructure.

"We are absolutely confident that the NFV technology is a defining trend in the mobile industry. We are therefore very pleased with Vipnet's initiative to explore and implement NFV. The success and efficiency goes along with the 15th anniversary of innovation strategy at Vipnet. For Telekom Austria Group, this is just the beginning of a journey to explore the latest technologies and further improve services for our customers, performance, experience or availability", comments Günther Ottendorfer, CTO of Telekom Austria Group.

NFV is being championed by a number of top-tier communications service providers such as Vipnet in Croatia as a standards-based approach to virtualizing a range of telecom applications, thus enabling them to run on industry standard servers. The goal of NFV is to dramatically reduce costs, simplify operations and enable operators to introduce new services more rapidly.

"The user generated/consumed content from mobile devices has been accelerating over the past few years. This trend is only going to grow. NFV transforms the network in a way that content cloud and mobile network functions can run from a sustainable infrastructure. This live network virtual EPC is a demonstration of readiness of NFV technology and a proof of the maturity of the technology along the dimensions of functionality, performance and resilience." said Nishi Kant, CEO at Connectem. *"With forward thinking carriers like Vipnet, we applaud their initiative and*

those of Telekom Austria Group and we are grateful for the opportunity to be in the live network.”

More information is available at www.connectem.net.

About Connectem

Connectem Inc. was founded in 2011 by industry veterans who identified an opportunity to bring the advances of virtualization and cloud computing to the Mobile Packet Core. Connectem’s Virtual Core for Mobile (VCM) Platform is one of the few true innovations to have been introduced to the mobile operator infrastructure in years, fundamentally changing the way wireless devices connect to a powerful and elastic network. With this platform, carriers for the first time can economically address the rapid growth in services, the number of IP endpoints and the associated signaling. Further information is available at www.connectem.net.