



## **Alcatel Teams with ADC and ADTRAN to Support TDM-based HDSL2 Solutions on Industry-leading Litespan Platform**

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Alcatel's Litespan multi-service access platform will support high bit

rate DSL technology

Alcatel (NYSE:ALA)(Paris:CGEP.PA), the world leader in Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) solutions, today announced that it has signed technology license agreements with broadband equipment suppliers ADC (Nasdaq:ADCT) and ADTRAN (Nasdaq:ADTN).

Per the agreements, the Litespan Next-Generation Digital Loop Carrier (NGDLC) platform will support second generation, Time Division Multiplex (TDM) based, high bit rate DSL (HDSL2) connectivity. This offering would be made available on Litespan's footprint of over 45 million lines in North America.

ADC and ADTRAN are members of the Alcatel Access Partners Program (AAPP) that enables third-party hardware, software and services vendors to showcase and interoperate their new and emerging technologies with Alcatel products and solutions. ADC and ADTRAN will make use of Alcatel's Litespan NGDLC technology to develop TDM-based HDSL2 line-cards for DSL service with speeds up to 1.5 Mbps on existing, single twisted-pair copper wire that connects most "last mile" residential and commercial buildings today. The HDSL2 line-cards will interface with Litespan 2000 and 2012 versions that are targeted for release in 3Q 2001. These cards will be developed in strict compliance with ANSI HDSL2 standards to continue Alcatel's commitment to open, interoperable, standards-based systems.

"Alcatel is a recognized leader in DLC deployment equipment with its Litespan product line," said Jay Wilson, director of product management - Loop Technologies, ADTRAN Carrier Networks Division. "As the market leader in HDSL/HDSL2, ADTRAN believes that it's essential to provide solutions for Litespan that use this technology. By doing so, ADTRAN continues to provide the most comprehensive HDSL/HDSL2 product line for its customers."

"Any time you combine two best-of-breed solutions into a single offering, carriers and subscribers stand to benefit," said Michele Bishop, vice president of product management for ADC's Wireline Systems Division. "Our agreement with Alcatel means ADC's industry-leading HDSL2 solution will be available from the most widely deployed NGDLC in the marketplace. Carriers can expand their HDSL2-based service offerings to more subscribers, who will in turn get the bandwidth, flexibility and cost savings they've been looking for."

"ADC and ADTRAN bring focused HDSL2 expertise that increases revenue generation opportunities for our carrier customers, while simultaneously providing T-1 speed data access to the end consumer over existing copper," said Hamid Lalani, vice president marketing of Alcatel's Wireline Access activities. "The agreements underscore our support for best-in-class service offerings that leverage our customers' investments in the Litespan platform."

Information about the Alcatel Litespan and Alcatel DSL solutions is available at <http://www.alcatel.com>

Information about ADC Telecommunications, Inc. is available at [www.adc.com](http://www.adc.com)

Information about ADTRAN is available at [www.adtran.com](http://www.adtran.com)

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