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Take Two – FibreSpan Completes Phase Two of Sohonet Deployment

7 December 2005, UNITED KINGDOM: FibreSpan has now deployed the second stage of a bespoke dark fibre network in London's busy West End for Sohonet, the only network connectivity company dedicated to servicing Soho's media sector.

This latest phase has connected Sohonet's main point of presence with two of its major customers, taking the network both to the North and South of Oxford Street and to the East and West of Regent Street. This provides physical proximity to a significant concentration of smaller customers, who will now be able to benefit from a high bandwidth service, which would previously have been considered uneconomical.

Sohonet was attracted to FibreSpan's leased dark fibre solution as it provides unlimited bandwidth at a fixed cost, a package that is not available from incumbent providers. Dave Scammell, Managing Director of Sohonet comments: "We provide a unique network connectivity service to the film and television industry and have to be geared to meet the specific demands of this sector. Our customers make large data transfers within precise time-scales, where security is paramount. Standard Telco links simply cannot service these needs and so we have to provide connectivity based on fibre networks. We have just completed the second deployment with FibreSpan because they provide bespoke dark fibre at the right price and right level of flexibility. The solution is perfect for us and our relationship will continue to evolve as our network grows."

FibreSpan's solution enables the client to provide managed networks for reliable and secure high bandwidth media transfer within the film production and post-production industry in Soho and the West End.

It also helps Sohonet to live up to its commitment to outstanding service – providing a secure and reliable network with zero contention (meaning that transfer times and speeds are consistent at all times), without resorting to the excessive overhead of sustaining massive unused bandwidths.

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About FibreSpan - fibrespan.co.uk

FibreSpan is a fibre solutions company with a national telecommunications licence. It designs, installs, operates and leases private dark fibre circuits, working in partnership with health and education, local authorities and other multi-site organisations. Established in 2001, it is an independent UK national statutory utility, licensed by the DTI and regulated by Ofcom.

It is FibreSpan's goal to make fibre optic connectivity a viable solution for organisations throughout the UK. In order to achieve this the company has invested in developing patent-pending microduct technology that is swiftly changing the face of fibre optic deployment – allowing access to bespoke dark fibre connectivity at an affordable and competitive rate.

FibreSpan offer an end-to-end service that includes consultation, network planning, rapid deployment and comprehensive support. Its dark fibre networks offer unlimited bandwidth at a fixed cost for the term of the contract - a genuinely future proof solution. This puts FibreSpan in a unique position to enable clients to have complete control of future bandwidth demand.

About Sohonet - sohonet.co.uk

Sohonet's experience has grown from the demands of its original Soho based customers, and has been providing international service since 1998. Now entering a new phase of expansion Sohonet can offer its unique brand of networking service on a worldwide basis.

The Sohonet service philosophy is based upon sound independent advice on the most suitable methods and technology to provide cost effective, efficient, reliable and secure media transfers to suit individual and dynamic requirements.

Within the production and postproduction environment time is money, and Sohonet has gathered years of experience to ensure that transfers of any type take place reliably and securely. Sohonet not only understand this essential requirement of the production community, but also how to manage the network to reduce contention to zero - but without resorting to the excessive overhead of mainly unused massive bandwidth. This unique blend of network management and production experience is the essence of Sohonet.