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According to Infonetics, Infinera shipped 9,333 100G wavelengths in the period between the third quarter of 2010 and the fourth quarter of 2013, putting it ahead of all other optical vendors in terms of wavelengths shipped during the period internationally. Recently, Infinera upgraded three Telstra subsea cables – Endeavour, RNAL, and AAG – with 100G equipment.

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Nuage Networks picked for French sovereign cloud

Nuage Networks, the wholly-owned software-defined networking subsidiary of Alcatel-Lucent has been selected to provide its SDN solution to a new French cloud startup, Numergy.

According to Nuage, Numergy selected its virtualised services platform and 7850 virtualised services gateway as well as Alcatel-Lucent's 7750 service router to manage and automate its data centre network.

Numergy CEO Philippe Tavernier added that Nuage's solution also help the cloud provider "address key performance and compliance requirements" for virtualising its infrastructure."

Numergy was founded by French telco SFR, IT group Bull and the French government's Caisse des Depots. According to Nuage Network senior director, marketing Houman Modarres, Numergy is essentially building a French sovereign cloud platform with ambitions to grow into multiple data centres around the country.

Modarres added that network virtualisation was a natural step for data centre operators. "It's like the whack-a-mole game," he said. "Server virtualisation was the first mole to be whacked. Once that was done, next came network virtualisation, which now removes a mismatch before how compute is provision and how networks are provision."

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HILLS TO FUND NEXT-GEN TECHNOLOGY IDEAS

Hills Limited has called on Australian innovators to submit proposals on innovative technology ideas and projects that can be funded, developed and commercialised in the group's two new innovation centres, due to open in Adelaide on 7 May this year. Through a funding partnership with the South Australian government, $5 million is being invested to open the Lance Hill Design Centre – focused on advancing design innovation – and the D-Shop, with an emphasis on discovering and commercialising digital innovation. According to the company, the objective of both innovation centres is to retain local design expertise and to collaborate with key educational campuses and the rich pool of independent designers in Australia. Through collaboration with UniSA, Flinders University and the University of Adelaide, the two centres will support and fund next generation technology ideas, projects and start-ups.

ON THIS DAY 10 YEARS AGO: FROM THE COMMSDAY 2004 ARCHIVES

US lobbyists CompTel/ASCENT issued veiled criticism of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's new plan for mobile termination reform, claiming price constraints on local operators would result in excessive extra charges for consumers...Telco products provider Westel Group expanded into US and Asian defence markets, acquiring Opentec's terminal business...Telecom New Zealand reaffirmed its commitment to Hutchison 3 despite reports of the 3G operator running into difficulties in the UK with joint venture partner DoCoMo in relation to declining revenue.