



## OPTERNA ACQUIRES WGD AND STRENGTHENS ITS POSITION AS A LEADING INNOVATOR IN FIBER OPTIC AND COPPER CABLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

OPTERNA is proud to announce that it has acquired majority shares in WGD Datentechnik AG of Bickenbach Germany, as of May 3rd, 2018. Through this acquisition, "OPTERNA WGD AG" will become the European competence center for OPTERNA from its location in Bickenbach, Germany.

OPTERNA WGD will offer engineering, system integration and manufacturing capabilities for the European Datacenter, FTTX and LAN markets. The combination of OPTERNA's global manufacturing capability and WGD's central location in Europe will make OPTERNA WGD a powerhouse for high performance copper and fiber optic connectivity solutions.

### **About OPTERNA**

Established in 1992 as an U.S.-based opto-electronic product company, Opterna has grown into a world class technology company operating in Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Middle East, India and Africa. Today, Opterna boast a stellar team of thinkers who are creating the next generation of products and solutions in the Data Center, LAN and FTTX market.

OPTERNA's mission is to provide connectivity solutions that continuously add value over the 'life-cycle' of the network. Our products power the most demanding areas of the infrastructure, which are subject to frequent human interaction and constant change.

*Dr J.K Hassan, Chairman of the Nest Group is pleased to develop a partnership with WGD to further strengthen OPTERNA's position in the European market with high quality products manufactured in Germany.*

*Wolfgang Gerlach, Founder of WGD Datentechnik AG, is proud to announce that the successful cooperation between OPTERNA and WGD, has resulted in a Joint Venture named OPTERNA WGD AG. This new organisation is combining the strengths of both companies and allows WGD to take full advantage of its strategic position within Central Europe.*

## About WGD

WGD Datentechnik AG was established in 1989 as an cable assembly-company, and has evolved into a customer focused, one-stop-shop for the development and installation of complex cable management systems. WGD deliver high performance copper and fiber optic solutions to the Telecom and Enterprise market across the three business divisions of **REDi-Way**®, **REDi-Fit**® and **REDi-City**®..

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