Tellabs' Optical LAN Selected by SK Food Group for Its New Manufacturing Facility

Optical LAN delivers network convergence, better performance and a future-proof network, while saving $100K in wireless costs alone

NAPERVILLE, Ill. – November 19, 2014 - Tellabs, a leading provider of passive optical network (PON) solutions, today announced its Optical LAN solution was selected by SK Food Group, a leader in the manufacturing and wholesale food sales industry, for its new manufacturing facility in Columbus, Ohio. As part of the deployment with fiber optic communications integrator STAT Communications, Optical LAN improves SK Food Group's network performance while reducing equipment needs and supporting evolving network demands for years to come.

Fiber optic-based Optical LAN is a smarter alternative to the traditional copper-based LAN. In the new facility, SK Food Group uses Tellabs' Optical LAN solution with its virtually unlimited bandwidth to support data, voice-over-IP (VoIP), wireless, surveillance and manufacturing control services. By integrating wireless services onto the converged fiber-based infrastructure, Optical LAN provides backhaul and remote monitoring to improve wireless applications, such as Wi-Fi. The combination of Optical LAN with wireless equipment saves SK Food Group nearly $100,000 in wireless applications alone.

Optical LAN also gives SK Food Group's large facility a simpler architecture, designed from scratch for the building's needs. Requiring less equipment and cabling than copper-based LAN, Optical LAN delivers significant space savings that is critical for a facility with floor space allocated for production and storage. In combination with its centralized network management, Optical LAN makes it easy to make moves, adds and changes.

"Our new state-of-the-art facility required a technology that would meet the highest standards. The reputation of STAT Communications in combination with Tellabs' customer testimonials and proven performance made the decision easy," said Melissa Stone, Manager of IT at SK Food Group. "Tellabs Optical LAN gave us a future-proof network, better performance and streamlined operations, while saving costs."

"This is the first commercial Optical LAN deployment in the Midwest, adding to our successful track record in this market," said Ken Funai, Vice President of STAT Communications. "Being at the forefront of innovations, we knew Tellabs' Optical LAN was the best option for SK Food Group's specific needs."

"SK Food Group's deployment of Tellabs Optical LAN is yet another demonstration that our solution is the smarter and simpler choice," said Tom Ruvarac, Vice President, Business Development at Tellabs. "From network convergence to simplified management, Tellabs' Optical LAN is the ideal solution for solving the challenges of a modern, high-performance LAN today and in the future."

The facility began operations in June 2014.

About SK Food Group
Founded in 1943, SK Food Group is a North American food manufacturing and assembly organization serving restaurants, foodservice operators, and other retailers. Their delicious on-the-go products feature everything from custom-made sandwiches and wraps to chargrilled chicken and Angus burger entrees. The company's diverse world-class products are sold in cafés, grocery stores and convenience stores. SK Food Group's R&D facility and culinary capabilities offer Private Label clients a high level of product customization, consistency and quality.

SK Food Group is headquartered in Seattle, Washington and operates two manufacturing facilities in the US (Reno, NV and Columbus, OH) and two in Canada (Edmonton, AB and Laval, QC). The company employs nearly 800 associates worldwide. Visit http://www.skfoodgroup.com

About Tellabs
Tellabs delivers technology that transforms the way the world communicates. Tellabs evolutionary passive Optical LAN empowers the building of a modern high performance LAN infrastructure that is simple, secure, stable, scalable, sustainable and costs less. http://www.tellabs.com

About STAT Communications
STAT Communications is a professional information technology solutions and services company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Founded in 1983, we provide a suite of IT services that reshapes the way our customers use technology. http://www.statcom.net/

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