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EXFO advances its fronthaul test portfolio, further enabling the C-RAN transformation

QUEBEC CITY, Feb. 27, 2017 /PRNewswire/ - EXFO Inc. (NASDAQ: EXFO, TSX: EXF), the global network test, data and analytics experts, announced today new features for its powerful radio frequency (RF) spectrum analysis solution, OpticalRF™, that enable mobile network operators (MNOs) to further accelerate deployments and add new revenue-generating services faster. OpticalRF now includes the **Dual Antenna Display feature** for faster identification of antenna diversity imbalance and passive inter-modulation (PIM) interference issues. Also added to OpticalRF is the ability to perform RF spectrum analysis over digital **Open Base Station Architecture Initiative (OBSAI)** links for quick and easy identification of RF interference issues.

With OpticalRF, EXFO enables network engineers and technicians to easily access RF signals through either a Common Public Radio Interface (CPRI), or now an OBSAI link, directly at the baseband unit (BBU)—whether at the bottom of the cell tower or many miles away as in the case of centralized radio access networks (C-RAN). This saves on problem resolution time, helps determine whether truck rolls or tower climbs are necessary and ultimately fixes interference issues faster—all critically important for helping MNOs reduce their operating expenses.

"Explosive growth in mobile data traffic means pressure is increasing to fix performance issues faster, while minimizing operating expenses and enhancing subscriber quality of experience," said Stéphane Chabot, EXFO's Vice-President, Test and Measurement. "These additional OpticalRF features are part of EXFO's commitment to smarter network testing solutions that help our customers efficiently deploy and assure new fiber-based fronthaul networks, like C-RAN, that are laying the groundwork for LTE-Advanced Pro and 5G networks."

Take a look at OpticalRF in action by visiting the EXFO booth (6K36, Hall 6) at Mobile World Congress in Barcelona from February 27 to March 2. For more information, visit EXFO.com/ftb700G

About EXFO

EXFO develops smarter network test, data and analytics solutions for the world's leading communications service providers, network equipment manufacturers and web-scale companies. Since 1985, we've worked side by side with our clients in the lab, field, data center, boardroom and beyond to pioneer essential technology and methods for each phase of the network lifecycle. Our portfolio of test orchestration and real-time 3D analytics solutions turn complex into simple and deliver business-critical insights from the network, service and subscriber dimensions. Most importantly, we help our clients flourish in a rapidly transforming industry where "good enough" testing and data analytics just isn't good enough anymore—it never was for us, anyway. For more information, visit EXFO.com and follow us on the [EXFO Blog](#).

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