

# Merkator acquires NetworkMining

**Brussels, Belgium - APRIL 23, 2018** Merkator nv/sa, a geospatial asset management solution provider, is pleased to announce the acquisition of NetworkMining nv/sa, an independent supplier of IP & Optical Network Mediation Software for Communication Service Providers & Utilities. For more than a decade, NetworkMining has been recognized as a specialist in IP/optical mediation and inventory software and as such will bolster Merkator's expertise and portfolio of Telco & Utilities solutions.

Merkator and NetworkMining, both Belgian-based private companies, have gained the confidence of Tier-1 Telco and Smart Grid operators in Belgian & Luxembourg and throughout EMEA and Asia. NetworkMining deployments cover passive fiber and cable infrastructure, as well as active network technologies, including SDH, WDM, IP/MPLS, Ethernet and Microwave. At present devices from all leading IP & Optical Networking vendors are supported by NetworkMining's software solutions.

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Geert De Coensel, Director of Merkator nv/sa, explains: *"The requirement for utility operators to combine both the physical network inventory with logical network information has been a big challenge for the past decades."* Merkator will provide unique software solutions to integrate the network design and build workflows together with real-time operations and maintenance. *"This first acquisition allows us to better support network operators with their current and upcoming business challenges."*, added Geert De Coensel.

NetworkMining will be further consolidated into Merkator nv/sa with respect for all pending and future contracts. Roland Leners, CEO of NetworkMining, explains: *"This is excellent news for our existing customers and partners. It enables NetworkMining to strengthen its position in the vibrant market of automation software for IP/optical networks. We also have immediate access to the Geo-expertise of the Merkator people and together we can offer a full stack solution to our customers."*

## About Merkator

Merkator is active in the Geospatial Utility and Smart Cities market. Merkator works together with the major Geospatial (GIS) & Telco software providers and has its own R&D Merkator Labs in Brussels, Belgium. At the moment, Merkator employs 60 Geo-ICT experts located in 3 offices in Belgium and The Netherlands. [www.merkator.com](http://www.merkator.com)

## About NetworkMining

NetworkMining is a specialist supplier of IP/optical network mediation and semi real-time probing software. The software optimizes capital expenditure in IP/optical networks and improves productivity of network engineering and operations. [www.networkmining.com](http://www.networkmining.com)



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