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HellermannTyton wins a Grand Slam

Installer IT Com Services, with the agreement of The French Tennis Federation (FFT) has selected structured cabling manufacturer HellermannTyton to provide the network infrastructure at the French Open tennis tournament. HellermannTyton's unique pre-terminated cabling solution, RapidNet, has been specified to provide IT facilities for the tournament's temporary media centre. Using RapidNet means that IT Com Services can work more quickly because time consuming cable termination is no longer required. In addition, RapidNet's flexibility allows IT Com Services to un-install and re-use the system as required.

The French Open is held once a year, over a two-week period from the end of May to the beginning of June, and is one of the big four Grand Slam events in the tennis calendar. IT Com Services is responsible for all electrical and cabling infrastructure maintenance at the stadium.

Normally each year, shortly before the tournament begins, IT Com Services converts three of the stadium's indoor tennis courts into a temporary media centre capable of servicing the IT requirements of 3000+ journalists and reporters who come from across the world to report on the event. This process is done to a tight timescale and involves IT Com Services installing a new cabling system and network links to service PCs and deliver telephone and internet access. Immediately after the tournament the media centre is returned to its original purpose and the cabling system is un-installed and discarded.

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Using RapidNet instead of a traditional cabling approach makes networking the media centre a much easier process for IT Com Services. RapidNet is a pre-terminated 'plug and play' system, which does not require on-site termination or certification testing. Cable is terminated at HellermannTyton's manufacturing facility in a stringent ISO 9001 quality controlled standard, and the systems arrive pre-labelled and pre-tested. As cable termination is one of the most time consuming and skilled elements of a cabling installation, using RapidNet makes installation quick and simple.

The tight schedule for completing the cabling installation before the tournament starts means that IT Com Services does not have time to deal with problems. RapidNet offers a solution that can be installed quickly but still delivers the required quality and network performance. The time saved by using RapidNet - almost 75% - is extremely valuable and relieves a lot of pressure from the team. After the tournament, instead of throwing the system away as was done in the past, IT Com Services can easily un-plug RapidNet and put it into storage until it is needed again next year. This flexibility will save a great deal of time and money in the long-term.

Pascal Pion, LAN Department Manager at HellermannTyton France comments: "IT Com Services recognised that their approach to cabling the media centre was not the most efficient method both in terms of human resource and cabling hardware, but could not find a better alternative. They became aware of RapidNet at the Cabling Systems Europe exhibition in Paris. We were able to demonstrate how RapidNet was a perfect solution and could help improve installation speed and offer IT Com Services the flexibility to un-install and re-use the system."

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About HellermannTyton

HellermannTyton is a UK based manufacturer of structured cabling systems and solutions. As part of Spirent PLC, the international network technology company; HellermannTyton leads the design and development of network technology solutions for the HellermannTyton group world wide.

The first to manufacture Category 5 compliant systems in the UK, the company now provides Category 5E, 6 and fibre solutions under the Network Sciences brand. By using its extensive training and support facilities to ensure quality installations for the end user, HellermannTyton continues to have a deserved reputation for technology, innovation and design supported by world class manufacturing facilities.

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