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Azz-Eddine Mansouri Appointed as Middle East Managing Sales Director at Ciena

New leadership will drive growth and network transformation across the region

Dubai, UAE – October 14, 2018 – Ciena (NYSE: CIEN) has announced the appointment of Azz-Eddine Mansouri as Managing Sales Director for the Middle East. In his new role, Mansouri will oversee all regional activities and drive strategic go-to-market plans by engaging service providers, enterprises and local partners to benefit from Ciena’s technology solutions as they look to establish more adaptive and agile networks.

Key Facts:

- Mansouri has more than 20 years of experience on both the business and technical side of the telecommunications industry. In his 18-year tenure at Ciena, he has held various roles, including managing the Systems Engineering for South Europe, Middle East and Africa region and Business Development Director in charge of key customers in the Middle East, such as large service providers.

- Since joining Ciena’s Middle East team in 2009, Mansouri has contributed to developing strong relationships with key customers, receiving recognition as Sales Engineering Leader of the Year in 2015.

- Prior to Ciena, Mansouri oversaw transport network strategy and implementation in Completel at the start of the company’s activities in France and held different roles in Morocco Telecom’s mobile, wireless, satellite communications and transport network divisions.

- Mansouri has a Telecom Engineering Degree from Telecom Paris and speaks French, English and Arabic.

Executive Comments:

- “I am delighted to take on this new role and drive growth for Ciena in the Middle East. This is an exciting time for us and our customers, as network conversations are taking center stage as a
prerequisite for many upcoming technological innovations such as 5G, IoT and smart cities. I will
be working closely with our service provider and enterprise customers and partners to ensure that
they are prepared to address their future needs.”

– Azz-Eddine Mansouri, Managing Sales Director, Middle East, Ciena

• “Azz-Eddine brings with him an impressive business and technical background within the
telecom market. His ability to bring together both software and hardware capabilities in the
Middle East region will be of tremendous value for our service provider and enterprise customers
as well as our partners.”

– Virginie Hollebecque, Managing Director for Western Europe and Middle East, Sales,
Ciena

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