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HAWAIKI TRANSPACIFIC CABLE SYSTEM NEARS COMPLETION OF MANUFACTURING STAGE

More than 90 percent of 14,000 km cable has been manufactured along with 150+ repeaters

AUCKLAND, New Zealand and EATONTOWN, N.J., USA - May 15, 2017 – Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP and <u>TE SubCom</u>, a <u>TE Connectivity Ltd.</u> company and an industry pioneer in undersea communications technology, today announced that new milestones have been reached in the manufacturing of Hawaiki, the 14,000 km transpacific cable system that will link Australia and New Zealand to the mainland United States, as well as Hawaii and American Samoa, with options to expand to several other South Pacific islands. The manufacturing progress, as well as continued advancement with the installation permitting process in New Zealand, Australia and the U.S., keeps Hawaiki on schedule for completion by mid-2018.

Hawaiki Cable Updates

- At SubCom's Newington, N.H. USA facility, more than 13,000 km of cable for Hawaiki has been manufactured, along with more than 150 completed repeaters.
- All installation permits for Australia, New Zealand and Oregon are in hand, and are progressing as expected in Hawaii.
- Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) for the cable landing in Pacific City, Oregon has commenced and will be completed in the coming weeks.
- In Sydney, the construction of the land duct route is moving forward with more than half of the conduits already installed and the HDD operations are scheduled to start early next month.
- The first cable load including 7,000 km of cable will begin in June 2017.

About Hawaiki Cable

- Hawaiki will be the highest cross-sectional capacity link between the U.S. and Australia and New Zealand.
- As a carrier-neutral cable system, Hawaiki will usher in a new era of international connectivity benefitting businesses and consumers across the Pacific region.
- The system was co-developed by New Zealand-based entrepreneurs Sir Eion Edgar, Malcolm Dick and Remi Galasso.

"We're very close to completing the manufacturing stage of Hawaiki and are preparing to launch installation in just a matter of months," said Remi Galasso, CEO of Hawaiki. "Once live, this cable system will help eliminate the distance between all Pacific communities and provide an economic boost to a region consistently starved for broadband access."

"As expected, our manufacturing team has made rapid progress on Hawaiki," said Debra Brask, vice president, project and program management, TE SubCom. "Each stage of the Hawaiki cable system project has proceeded without issue and we're looking forward to an on-time delivery in mid-2018."



System Map

About Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP

Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP, headquartered in Auckland, New Zealand, is the owner and developer of the Hawaiki submarine cable system (Hawaiki). Hawaiki is a carrier-neutral submarine cable linking Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and Oregon, on the U.S. west coast. For more information, visit <u>www.hawaikicable.co.nz.</u>

About TE SubCom

TE SubCom (SubCom), a TE Connectivity Ltd. company, is an industry pioneer in undersea communications technology and marine services, and a leading global supplier for today's undersea communications requirements. As a vertically integrated supplier, SubCom designs, manufactures, deploys, and maintains the industry's most reliable fiber optic cable systems. Its solutions include long-haul and regional systems, repeaterless networks, capacity upgrades, offshore oil and gas, and scientific research applications. SubCom brings end-to-end network knowledge and global experience to support on-time delivery and the needs of customers worldwide. To date, the company has deployed more than 100 cable systems and enough subsea communication cable to circle the globe 15 times at the equator. For more information, visit www.SubCom.com

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