



Djibouti Telecom Announces it will Invest in Australia West Express (AWE) Submarine Cable System and will Purchase Capacity

GoTo Networks, Inc., builder and operator of Australia West Express, and Djibouti Telecom are pleased to announce that they have signed Agreements for Djibouti Telecom's investment and capacity purchase in the Australia West Express submarine cable system. As previously announced, Djibouti Telecom will be the landing party in Djibouti, and will provide its facilities to allow AWE to land its cable and to interconnect with other carriers. The Djibouti Telecom investment in AWE represents a major milestone for the project. In addition, Djibouti Telecom will procure capacity from Djibouti to Perth on the AWE system for its commercial use.

Australia West Express (AWE) is a new undersea telecommunications cable system being constructed by GoTo Networks from Perth, Australia to Djibouti on the northeast coast of Africa.



Key AWE Features

Landings Perth, Australia and Djibouti, Djibouti
System Length (km) 10,100 km
No. of Fiber Pair 2 Fiber Pair
System Capacity (Tbps) 10 Tbps/ Fiber Pair, 20 Tbps Initial Design Capacity
Latency Lowest latency route between Australia and Europe
Ready For Service Date 4th Quarter 2018
Owner GoTo Networks
System Supplier Alcatel Submarine Networks

AWE is very pleased that Djibouti Telecom has decided to make an investment and purchase capacity. It is further evidence of AWE's value proposition and of Djibouti's strategic position as a hub for submarine cables. At the landing in Djibouti, convenient interconnection will be provided by Djibouti Telecom to EIG, SEACOM, EASSy, SEA-ME-WE-3, AAE-1 and SEA-ME-WE-5. These allow for easy interconnect to Europe, Eastern Africa, the Middle East, the Eastern Mediterranean and South Asia.

"The new AWE system will provide valuable capability for transporting the rapidly growing traffic between Australia and points in the Middle East, Africa and Europe," stated Mohamed Ahmed, Director Djibouti Telecomm. "We are excited to be participating in this most important project".

John Mariano, CEO of GoTo Networks remarked “Djibouti Telecomm has provided important support to the AWE project throughout its planning phase. Now that we are nearing the beginning of the project, we are pleased in their investment in AWE, and their agreement to procure capacity between Djibouti and Perth.”

The expected Ready for Service date for Australia West Express is 4th Quarter 2018. Australia West Express will provide a secure, direct route across the Indian Ocean almost exclusively through safe, deep, international waters and as it comes to shore, will be deployed in protected waterways.

About GoTo Networks

GoTo Networks was established specifically to implement submarine cable systems in greenfield and underserved markets. Australia West Express is the first system to be undertaken. GoTo is made up of submarine system developers whose experience has accounted for a vast array of completed telecommunication projects around the globe. Originating in research, evolving into consulting, its members have been involved with strategic planning, technical solution development, project implementation management, commercialization and sales of international network projects similar to AWE. The strength of GoTo comes from its diverse and experienced member profile that includes senior management, technical, financial, project management, systems engineering and sales, representing all the core elements required for successfully implementing AWE. For more information, visit www.gotonetworks.net.

About Djibouti Telecom

Djibouti Telecom SA is the primary telecommunications company of Djibouti, providing landline, mobile and Internet services. The company is headquartered in Djibouti City, Djibouti. Djibouti Telecom was founded in 1999 and has ever since established itself as a regional hub responsible for delivering a complete portfolio of voice, data/IP and capacity services over state-of-the-art network infrastructure that reaches out to eastern and southern Africa, the Middle East and Europe. Djibouti Telecom is now the leading strategic hub for international telecommunications services in East Africa. For more information, visit www.djiboutitelecom.dj

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