



Tata Communications extends connectivity into Australia via PPC1 Cable System

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Tata Communications, a leading provider of a new world of communications, today announced that it will start delivering capacity into Australia via the privately owned PIPE Pacific 1 (PPC-1) cable system.

PPC-1 is a new two-fiber-pair cable system connecting the US territory of Guam to Sydney, Australia. The cable system spans 6,900 km and can provide up to 2.56 Terabits per second of capacity to the rapidly growing Australian market. The PPC-1 cable system will be Australia's first carrier-neutral cable to offer city-to-city capacity, overcoming the need for expensive backhaul connections into Sydney.

PPC-1 introduces a new cost-effective high-speed connectivity option to and from Australia, and will enable diversity from the older generation AJC and Southern Cross cable systems.

The PPC-1 cable system lands directly into Tata Communications' Guam cable landing station allowing seamless integration of the cable with the Tata Global Network (TGN). This enables connectivity from Sydney to the rest of the world via Tata Communications' extensive subsea cable network including TGN-Intra Asia to the Asian region, and TGN-Pacific for onward connectivity from Japan to the USA.

"The partnership between Tata Communications and PIPE Networks extends the PPC-1 cable system from Australia to the rest of the world, adding much-needed route diversity and carrier neutrality to this growing market. This extension to Australia from Asia through our partner PIPE Networks, comes just weeks after our announcement of our expansion into Africa via the SEACOM cable system. We are pleased that our plans for global leadership in the submarine cable network have been pushed up another notch," said Simon Cooper, Tata Communications' Vice President for International Network Development.

Tata Communications currently owns the Tata Global Network, which includes the TGN Atlantic, TGN Western Europe, TGN Northern Europe, TGN Pacific, TGN Intra Asia, and TGN-TIC subsea cable systems. It is also a partner in consortium cables including SEACOM, SE-ME-WE-3, SE-ME-WE-4, SAFE/SAT 3 and APCN 2. Currently, Tata Communication has more than 2 terabytes of lit capacity and is the world's largest carrier of voice traffic.