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# CABLE & WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AWARDED TWO NEW CONTRACTS IN PANAMA

Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC) today announces its Panama business has been awarded two contracts with a combined value of up to US\$33.5 million.

Cable & Wireless Panama (CWP) has been chosen to provide the technical platform for the courts of the Second Judicial District of Panama, and a national telecoms system for the Panama Government's Ministry of Security.

## **Second Judicial District of Panama**

The Second Judicial District, which is in the Cocle province in Panama, will implement a new platform bringing together several separate IT systems currently used within the district. The upgrade is the first phase of a project to modernise the IT systems of the country's criminal justice system and if the project is successful is expected to roll-out nationwide.

The IT system modernisation is part of the introduction of an Accusatory Penal System (SPA) in Panama, which is aimed at improving the transparency and efficiency of the criminal justice system. The SPA is scheduled to begin operating in September 2011.

# **Ministry of Security**

Cable & Wireless Panama has also been awarded a contract to provide a national telecommunications network for the country's Ministry of Security. The company will provide secure data hosting services and equipment including Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) enabled handsets. CWP will also establish a helpdesk function for the Ministry to support the new system, as well as providing full technical maintenance.

Tony Rice, Chief Executive of Cable & Wireless Communications, commented:

"We are pleased to be working with the Panamanian Government to further improve the public services of Panama. As a business, we place great emphasis on working with governments and other public authorities to develop social telecoms services in the markets we serve. These two contracts are excellent examples of how we are developing this side of our business, which we look forward to expanding further in the future."

Jorge Nicolau, Chief Executive Officer of Cable & Wireless Panama commented:

"Over the past 14 years we have introduced innovation and modernisation into public health services, emergency medical services, education and public safety. We are very proud to have this opportunity to participate in the modernisation of the Panamanian judicial system, and the Ministry of Security."

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