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CABLE & WIRELESS PANAMA SUPPORTS EL SALVADOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

US\$14m contract for national police '911' platform

Cable & Wireless Panama (CWP), the Panama operation of Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC), has been chosen to supply and manage an emergency services call system for the national police force of El Salvador. This is the first time that CWP will roll-out the platform it manages for police and ambulance services in Panama to another country.

The US\$14m project will help the police service to optimise response times to emergency calls, and support Government efforts to reduce levels of crime. Once operational, it will be possible to monitor the location of every police unit in the country at all times.

CWP will install, maintain and provide ongoing training for the '911' platform as well as providing GPS-enabled mobile equipment and vehicle tracking devices.

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

“Cable & Wireless Panama has excellent experience of working with Governments and taking that expertise to another country in the region is a landmark for our business and a first step in delivering our ambitions to create a regional business in Central America. The 911 platform solution is an great example of the social telecom services we are providing to governments throughout our business to improve their public services.”

CWC businesses specialise in delivering social telecoms services (telecoms enabled public services) around the world. As well as managing an emergency services call platform for police and ambulance services in Panama, CWP delivers a range of other social telecoms services including a telemedicine network for the country's hospitals, an e-learning system for the education ministry and a surveillance network for the security ministry.

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About the 911 platform

The 911 platform will integrate feeds from existing closed circuit television cameras in the capital, San Salvador and new GPS enabled devices for both vehicles and officers on foot patrol.

Officers will receive new personal digital assistants (PDAs) which will both track their location and enable them to access the police database remotely when they need to check a citizen's identity.

About El Salvador

El Salvador is a Central American country, bordering the Pacific Ocean and located between Guatemala and Honduras. The country has 6.2m residents. San Salvador is home to around 48% of the population.

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