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# LIME TO PROVIDE INTERNET TO SCHOOLS IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

# Contract to supply 107 schools

Cable & Wireless Communications' Caribbean business, LIME, is to supply high speed wireless internet to 107 schools across St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

LIME's wireless internet service will be a significant upgrade for the schools of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, with around one fifth of the schools receiving internet connectivity for the first time.

LIME won a competitive tender for the EC\$5.2 million (US\$1.9 million) five year contract to supply high speed internet to the schools. The service will be installed in time for the new school year, which starts in September. LIME will deliver speeds of up to 24 megabits per second to some schools supporting the use of wireless internet devices by the student population.

The project supports the Government's One Laptop Per Child initiative encouraging children to use the internet in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Several thousand laptops have been supplied to local schools which have been donated by the Government of Portugal.

The contract with LIME is an award from St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Universal Services Fund, which was launched in October 2010. The fund is used by the country's National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC) to compensate any telecommunication provider who is required to provide or promote universal access to telecommunications services.

Notes to Editors

#### About St. Vincent and the Grenadines

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is an archipelago of 32 islands in the eastern part of the Caribbean sea. The country consists of St. Vincent (capital Kingstown) and the northern two-thirds of the Grenadines island chain. The country has a population of just over 103,000 people, the vast majority of whom live on St. Vincent.

## About Cable & Wireless Communications

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# About LIME

LIME is the Caribbean's leading telecommunications company, focused on building products and services that make Caribbean people's lives better. LIME's aim is to deliver the best communication services across the board, full stop. LIME is part of Cable & Wireless Communications, one of the world's leading international communications companies. From standing at the centre of recovery efforts during times of national emergency to investing more than US\$5million into major carnivals, which celebrate culture, music, dance and the Caribbean identity, LIME works tirelessly to make things better for Caribbean communities. For more information visit: <u>www.lime.com</u>

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