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LIME TO PROVIDE WHOLESALE BROADBAND SERVICES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

LIME, the Caribbean operation of Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC), has been licensed to provide telecom services to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the Dominican Republic.

LIME has signed a 20 year contract with the Dominican Telecommunications Institute (Indotel), the country's telecommunications regulator.

LIME entered the Dominican Republic in February of this year, landing a section of its East-West cable in Santo Domingo. The new cable tripled the available bandwidth into the country. LIME will therefore be able to help ISPs both meet growth in demand for broadband in the country and reduce costs to their customers.

LIME's Chief Operating Officer, David Crawford said:

"Our wholesale offering will directly help stimulate demand for broadband in the Dominican Republic as we will be delivering more capacity at a lower cost than local ISPs have ever had access to before."

Various studies have concluded that increased access to broadband positively helps the economic development of a country. The World Bank, for example, has said that a 10 per cent increase in broadband penetration accelerates economic growth by 1.38 percentage points per annum.

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About the East-West cable

LIME's East – West undersea cable system links Jamaica in the west of the Caribbean to the British Virgin Islands (Tortola) in the East, completing the connection in Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic.

About the Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic is the second largest nation in the Caribbean (after Cuba), home to an estimated 9.37m people. It is an island nation, but shares the western third of its land-mass with Haiti. The country's capital is Santo Domingo.

About Cable & Wireless Communications

Cable & Wireless Communications is a global full-service communications business. We operate leading communications businesses through four regional units – the Caribbean, Panama, Macau and Monaco & Islands. Our services include mobile, broadband and domestic and international fixed line services in most of our markets as well as pay TV, data centre and hosting, carrier and managed service /social telecom (telecom enabled public services) solutions. Our operations are focused on providing our customers – consumers, businesses, governments – with world-class service. Serving the communities where we operate is at the heart of our approach, and we are committed to behaving in an ethical and socially responsible manner. For more information visit www.cwc.com.

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: www.lime.com

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