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LAYING OF MALDIVES CABLE SYSTEM BEGINS

Dhiraagu, the Maldives business of Cable & Wireless Communications, has commenced laying a new fibre optic submarine cable network system which will run from the north to the south of the island nation.

The Dhiraagu Domestic Submarine Cable Network (DDSCN) is a 1253 km length fibre optic submarine cable which first came ashore on the island of Kulhudhuffushi, capital of the Haa Dhaalu Atoll in the north of the Maldives.

The DDSCN project will enable Dhiraagu to offer high quality, high-speed broadband internet services that will also facilitate services such as e-health, telemedicine, e-government and other online services in the Maldives.

The DDSCN Submarine Cable laying operation was inaugurated by the President of the Maldives, His Excellency President Mohamed Nasheed who participated in the landing of the cable at the first landing station in the North.

The cable laying is expected to be completed by the end of December after which there will be a period of testing and optimisation. The network, which is being constructed under contract by the NEC Corporation, will become operational during 2012.

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