



## GoTo Networks Announces that Djibouti Telecom to be the Landing Party in Djibouti for the Australia West Express (AWE) Submarine Cable System.

GoTo Networks, Inc. and Djibouti Telecom are pleased to announce that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Djibouti Telecom's participation in the Australia West Express submarine cable system. Australia West Express (AWE) is a new undersea telecommunications cable system being constructed by GoTo Networks from Perth, Australia to Djibouti on the northeast coast of Africa.



### Key AWE Design Parameters

- Landings** Perth, Australia and Djibouti, Djibouti
- System Length (km)** 10,100 km
- No. of Fiber Pair** 2 Fiber Pair
- System Capacity (Tbps)** 10 Tbps/Fiber Pair, 20Tbps Initial Design Capacity
- Latency** Lowest latency route between Australia and Europe
- Ready For Service Date** 1st Quarter 2018
- Owner** GoTo Networks
- System Supplier** Alcatel Submarine Networks

Djibouti Telecom will be the landing party in Djibouti, and will provide its facilities to allow AWE to land its cable and to interconnect with other carriers. AWE will be located in a new Cable Landing Station and will have interconnection facilities to all three existing Cable Landing Stations. AWE is very pleased to be working with Djibouti Telecom and utilizing its excellent facilities which make Djibouti a major regional hub. At the landing in Djibouti, convenient interconnection will be provided by Djibouti Telecom to existing the EIG, SEACOM, EASSy, SEA-ME-WE-3 and new cables under construction such as AAE-1 and SEA-ME-WE-5. These allow for easy interconnect to Europe, Eastern Africa, the Middle East, the Eastern Mediterranean and South Asia.

The expected Ready for Service date for Australia West Express is 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018. Australia West Express will provide a secure, direct route across the Indian Ocean almost exclusively through safe, deep, international waters and as it comes to shore, will be deployed in protected waterways.

## **About GoTo Networks**

GoTo Networks was established specifically to implement submarine cable systems in greenfield and underserved markets. Australia West Express is the first system to be undertaken. GoTo is made up of submarine system developers whose experience has accounted for a vast array of completed telecommunication projects around the globe. Originating in research, evolving into consulting, its members have been involved with strategic planning, technical solution development, project implementation management, commercialization and sales of international network projects similar to AWE. The strength of GoTo comes from its diverse and experienced member profile that includes senior management, technical, financial, project management, systems engineering and sales, representing all the core elements required for successfully implementing AWE. For more information, visit [www.gotonetworks.net](http://www.gotonetworks.net).

## **About Djibouti Telecom**

Djibouti Telecom SA is the primary telecommunications company of Djibouti, providing landline, mobile and Internet services. The company is headquartered in Djibouti City, Djibouti. Djibouti Telecom was founded in 1999 and has ever since established itself as a regional hub responsible for delivering a complete portfolio of voice, data/IP and capacity services over state-of-the-art network infrastructure that reaches out to eastern and southern Africa, the Middle East and Europe. Djibouti Telecom is now the leading strategic hub for international telecommunications services in East Africa.

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