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## **SpeedCast Goes Live on O3b Networks, Delivers Broadband Service to Christmas Island**

### **Island Now Powered by the only Satellite Service Comparable to Fiber**

SpeedCast International Limited ([SpeedCast](#)) and O3b Networks Limited (O3b) announce that SpeedCast has launched service on the state-of-the-art O3b satellite network, enabling the Christmas Island Internet Administration (CIIA)—the only Internet Service Provider (ISP) on Christmas Island—the ability to provide broadband connectivity to the island's residents, businesses and visitors. SpeedCast is now delivering for CIIA the first true broadband internet service experienced on the island.

Christmas Island, an Australian territory in the Indian Ocean with an approximate population of 2100 people, is geographically close to Indonesia. The island earned its unique name by being discovered on the 25th of December, 1643 by Captain William Mynors of the British Royal Navy, and is famous for its 135 square km Australian National Park.

Since launching the O3b service on Christmas Island, there has been a 300% increase in data usage. Substantially improved performance delivered over the network has accelerated the consumption of bandwidth as the improved experience for consumers dramatically increases their appetite for data. CIIA continues to improve its monitoring and billing systems to provide better tools to the subscribers to monitor their use, and has available capacity through O3b to continue increasing bandwidth for its customers when needed.

O3b's network of satellites provide broadband services almost 5 time faster than the geostationary (GEO) satellite system previously used by CIIA. CIIA is using O3b's next-generation IP trunking solution, O3b *Trunk*, that boosts existing link capacities to rival the connection quality of terrestrial fiber, while avoiding the prohibitive cost of laying an undersea cable to the island.

SpeedCast is one of the leading providers of satellite connectivity in both the Oceanic and Pacific Island regions, providing services to a large percentage of the island nations and territories across these regions. This latest service rollout with O3b on Christmas Island follows a string of successes and highlights SpeedCast's commitment to delivering best-in-class connectivity and services around the globe.

"SpeedCast is pleased to be providing CIIA with the best satellite connectivity available, over the O3b network," said Pierre-Jean Beylier, CEO of SpeedCast. "This is a testament to our

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commitment to delivering the best solution available for our customers to meet their specific requirements. Now the residents of Christmas Island will have comparable broadband service to those on the Australian mainland."

"We are thrilled to be working with SpeedCast to provide high throughput, low latency connectivity for CIIA and the entire Christmas Island community," said Imran Malik, VP Asia for O3b Networks. "O3b is the perfect solution for government-mandated broadband and mobile access buildouts for hard-to-reach locations, and Christmas Island is a perfect example of our many successful implementations to achieve this for our customers."

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### **About O3b Networks Limited**

O3b Networks Limited is a global satellite service provider operating a next-generation satellite network for telecommunications operators, Internet service providers, enterprise and government customers in emerging markets. The O3b system combines the global reach of satellite with the speed of a fiber-optic network providing consumers and businesses in nearly 180 countries with low-cost, high-speed, low latency Internet and mobile connectivity. O3b Networks' investors include SES, Google, Liberty Global, HSBC Principal Investments, Northbridge Venture Partners, Allen & Company, Development Bank of Southern Africa, Sofina, Satya Capital and Luxempart. O3b Networks is headquartered in St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands.

### **About SpeedCast International Limited**

SpeedCast is a leading global network and satellite communications service provider offering high-quality managed networks services in over 90 countries; and a global maritime network serving customers worldwide. Headquartered in Hong Kong, with 33 international sales & support offices and 31 teleport operations, SpeedCast has a unique infrastructure to serve the requirements of customers globally. With over 5,000 links on land and at sea supporting mission critical applications, SpeedCast has distinguished itself with a strong operational expertise and a highly efficient support organization, which are the foundation of SpeedCast's success. SpeedCast is publicly listed on the Australian Stock Exchange under the ticker SDA ([ASX:SDA](https://www.asx.com.au/ASX:SDA)). For more information, visit [www.speedcast.com](http://www.speedcast.com).

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