SpeedCast and O3b Networks Expand Connectivity in PNG

New service to support business customers in the Lae region of Papua New Guinea

SpeedCast International Limited (SpeedCast) announced that the company has completed an agreement with O3b Networks Limited (O3b) to provide state-of-the-art O3b satellite connectivity in and around the city of Lae in Papua New Guinea (PNG). The agreement will enable high throughput, low latency broadband service for enterprise and consumer customers.

SpeedCast operates the new O3b service in Lae, which is the second O3b terminal deployed by the SpeedCast Group in PNG, and the sixth overall. SpeedCast will provide carrier-grade access between the core network and global internet backbone, by using the global networks of international POPs, regional gateways and local satellite access of both O3b Networks and SpeedCast.

SpeedCast partnered with the local ISP, Seeto Kui's MyNet ISP, who will rollout a low latency, citywide WiFi distribution in Lae, PNG, using the new service.

To ensure maximum efficiency and seamless operation, SpeedCast will support the project by integrating its value-adding services, including bandwidth acceleration, QoS, application filtering and network monitoring & support.

O3b's Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) satellites orbit at 8,062km above the Earth and have a latency of less than 150ms—25% that of the geostationary (GEO) satellite systems connecting PNG. The switch to the lower latency, higher throughput O3b, rivalling long-haul fiber, will support new data-rich services and consumer applications for the communities in and around Lae.

"SpeedCast is pleased to deliver a new level of performance for our customers in Lae, PNG," said Pierre-Jean Beylier, CEO of SpeedCast. "Partnering with O3b, we are able to provide the most cutting-edge satellite connectivity available in the region today. Extending the reach of this low latency international connectivity via the wireless network around Lae, we expect the business community will find a significant improvement over the satellite connectivity they're accustomed to."

"We're very happy to again be working with SpeedCast in Papua New Guinea," said Imran Malik, VP Asia for O3b Networks. "O3b Networks provides the only solution that can meet the needs for business customers in locations like PNG, and we rely on companies like SpeedCast to rollout the O3b solution with flawless implementation, operations and support."

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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). For more information, visit www.speedcast.com.

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