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**DJIBOUTI TELECOM REPORTS DJIBOUTI AFRICA REGIONAL EXPRESS (DARE) SUBMARINE CABLE SYSTEM CONTRACT IS OFFICIALLY IN FORCE**

*High-Capacity, Short-Haul Cable System to Connect Djibouti, Somalia, Somaliland, Puntland and Kenya with Optional Branch for Tanzania*

**DJIBOUTI CITY, DJIBOUTI, December 21, 2017** – [Djibouti Telecom](#) and its partners today announced that the supply contract for the Djibouti Africa Regional Express (DARE) submarine cable system has come into force, with TE SubCom as supplier. The 5,400km DARE submarine cable system will connect Djibouti (Djibouti) and Mombasa (Kenya), with branches to three major coastal cities in Somalia, respectively Mogadishu, Berbera, and Bosaso, providing an alternative high-capacity and low-latency route to the Horn of Africa and East Africa. With the cable, DARE operators will realize the productivity and cost advantages of a short-haul cable route while still maintaining the capacity and reliability of a much larger long-haul system through the use of TE SubCom’s scalable system design.

**DARE Submarine Cable System Facts**

- DARE consortium is composed of Djibouti Telecom and its partners in Somalia and Kenya
- The 100G based cable system will provide an alternative low-latency route to East Africa and the Horn of Africa with high-capacity transmission delivering up to 30 Tbps of capacity
- DARE is configured as a two fiber pair trunk and each trunk fiber pair has cross-sectional capacity of 150 channels at 100 Gbps
- DARE will include diversified Points of Presence (PoP) with options for future connectivity via TE SubCom’s industry-leading optical reconfigurable add/drop multiplexing (ROADM) product line. An additional optional branch is available to Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)

“With high-capacity and low-latency, the DARE system will offer an alternative route to East Africa and the Horn of Africa, easing congestion across existing systems, promoting competition and supplying much needed capacity to a rapidly expanding region,” said M Mohamed Assoweh Bouh, Djibouti Telecom General Manager. “We are confident in TE SubCom’s superior

technology and operational expertise and look forward to launching the implementation phases of the project.”

“Our selection as supplier demonstrates our commitment to the regional short-haul marketplace and we are very pleased to partner on the DARE project to deliver this system that will stimulate growth in the region by providing robust, reliable and low-latency connectivity,” said Sanjay Chowbey, President, TE SubCom. “TE SubCom is proud that DARE has entrusted our team with the responsibility to make their project a reality.”

## DARE System Map



## 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. Visit: [www.djiboutitelecom.dj](http://www.djiboutitelecom.dj).

## About TE SubCom

TE SubCom (SubCom), a TE Connectivity Ltd. company, is an industry pioneer in undersea communications technology and marine services, and a leading global supplier for today's undersea communications requirements. As a vertically integrated supplier, SubCom designs, manufactures, deploys, and maintains the industry's most reliable fiber optic cable systems. Its solutions include long-haul and regional systems, repeaterless networks, capacity upgrades, offshore oil and gas, and scientific research applications. SubCom brings end-to-end network knowledge and global experience to support on-time delivery and the needs of customers worldwide. To date, the company has deployed enough subsea communication cable to circle the Earth 15 times at the equator. For more information, visit [www.SubCom.com](http://www.SubCom.com).

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