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H2 Cable and SubCom announce signing of H2 submarine cable contract at SubOptic 2019

First direct connection between Australia and Hong Kong to meet growing traffic streams and second branch between Sydney and Los Angeles to provide best diversity and latency

SINGAPORE and EATONTOWN, N.J., USA, April 9, 2019 - H2 Cable and SubCom today announced that they signed the contract for the supply and installation of the H2 submarine cable system. The cable will be the first to connect Australia and Hong Kong with direct access to China. The cable design also allows for a number of branching units that can be deployed to locations including Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Island, Guam, Queensland, Hawaii and Los Angeles.
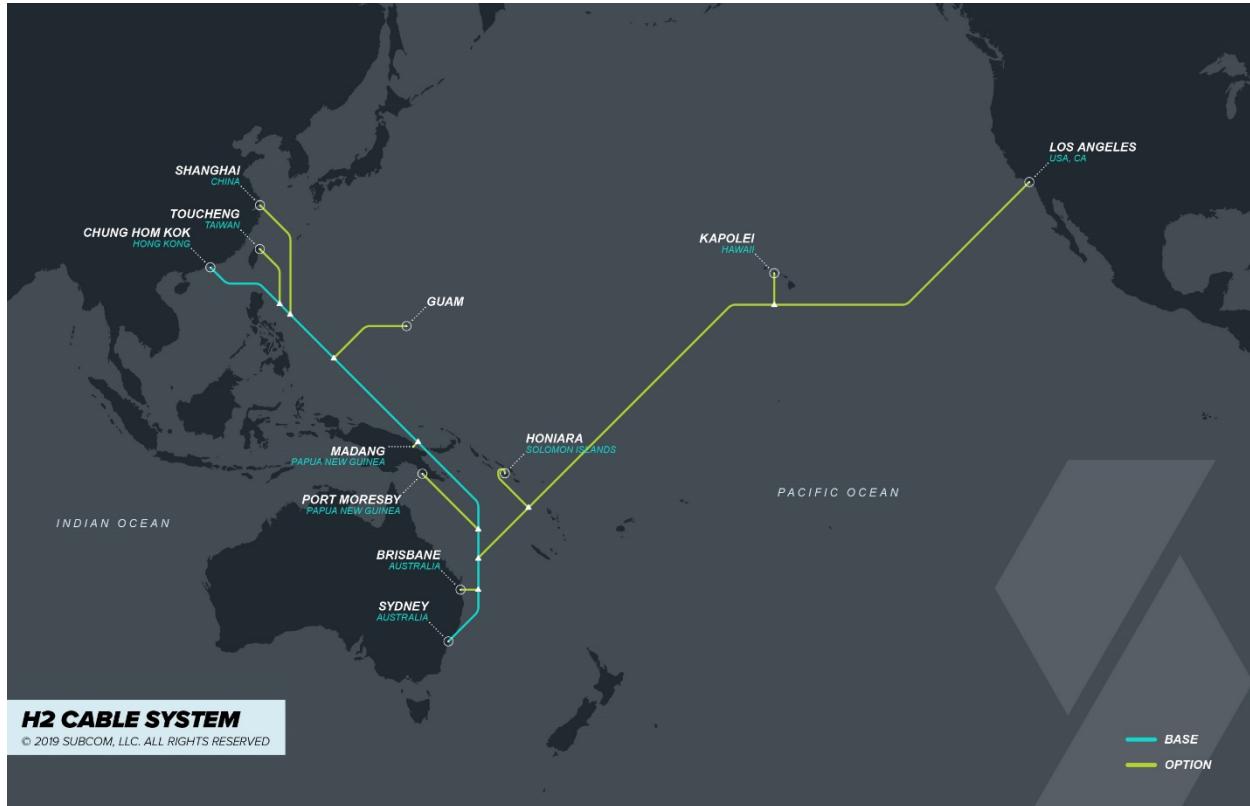
The very direct route will provide the best latency from Australia across the Pacific Ocean, with the Sydney to Hong Kong branch carrying 15 Tbps per fiber pair and the Sydney to Los Angeles branch carrying more than 12.9 Tbps per fiber pair. The cable has a single end power feeding capability of more than 13,000 km. The branch between Sydney and Los Angeles will follow an entirely diverse route to the north of New Caledonia, which has not been used by any other cable.

"We are pleased to partner with SubCom and are confident their superior technology and operational excellence will enable a smooth system deployment," said Georges Krebs, CEO of H2. "H2 will bring the necessary boost in connectivity to Australia, which has one of the fastest-growing international traffic streams in the world."

Remi Galasso, Chairman of H2, added, "Growing capacity requirements and new traffic patterns emerging within the Asia-Pacific region require the deployment of innovative and versatile submarine infrastructures. The H2 cable, with its north and east segments, has been designed to deliver direct connectivity through new subsea paths and provide optimal diversity. We are excited to be at the forefront of this development."

"The opportunity to create a partnership with H2 and expand our experience in Australia is of great importance to us," said Mike Rieger, vice president of global sales and marketing at SubCom. "We look forward to providing added connectivity to the Australasian region through the development of the H2 cable."

H2 Cable System Map

About H2 Cable

H2 Cable, headquartered in Singapore, is the owner and developer of the H2 submarine cable system (linking Australia to Hong-Kong (North segment) and the U.S. (East segment),

About SubCom

SubCom is the leading global partner for today's undersea data transport requirements. SubCom designs, manufactures, deploys, maintains, and operates the industry's most reliable fiber optic cable networks. Its flexible solutions include repeaterless to ultra-long-haul, offshore oil and gas, scientific applications, and marine services. SubCom brings end-to-end network knowledge and global experience to support on-time delivery and meet the needs of customers worldwide. To date, the company has deployed over 200 networks - enough undersea cable to circle Earth more than 17 times at the equator. Visit: www.subcom.com

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