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## **SubCom announces Manatua cable system contract is in force**

*New submarine cable system will provide connectivity between Samoa and Tahiti with branches to Niue, Cook Island and Bora Bora*

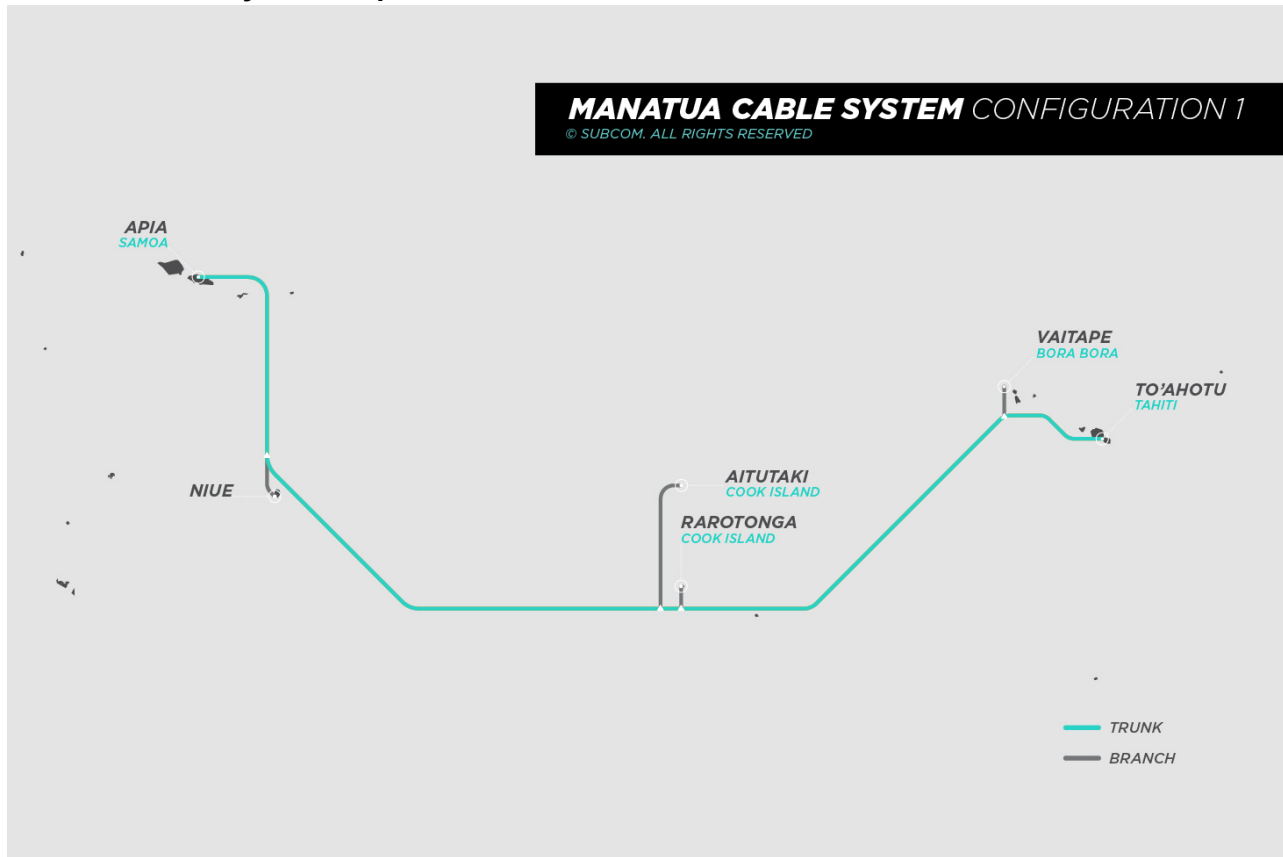
**EATONTOWN, N.J., USA, Nov 19, 2018** – SubCom and the Manatua Consortium announced the contract is in force for the supply and installation of the Manatua submarine cable system. The Manatua Consortium is composed of: The Office des Postes et Télécommunications (OPT), the telecoms operator of French Polynesia; Avaroa Cables Limited (ACL), the cable operator of Cook Islands, Telecom Niue Limited (TNL), the telecoms operator of Niue; and Samoa Submarine Cable Company (SSCC), the cable operator of the Independent State of Samoa. The Manatua Cable will provide connections from Apia, Samoa to Toahotu, Tahiti, with branching units for landings to Niue; Aitutaki, Cook Island; Rarotonga, Cook Island; and Vaitape, Bora Bora.

A new two/three fiber pair trunk will connect Apia and Toahotu with a two-fiber pair branch to Avatele, a three-fiber pair branch to Rarotonga and one-fiber pair branches to both Aitutaki and Vaitape. The cable will cover more than 3166 kilometers in total.

“The Manatua cable system will provide reliable, high-capacity connectivity to the South Pacific. And we’re pleased to have a role in making it a reality,” said Thomas Sorensen, managing director, Oceania and maintenance strategy, SubCom. “The cable will strengthen the connections between islands and create a reliable information pipeline to help further connect the South Pacific to the world.”

“The Manatua Cable is the first cable system owned by a consortium in the Pacific Region shared by four parties from four different countries. Manatua will enhance significantly the international communications connectivity for our communities at reasonable and affordable costs. This is a further step for our countries aim to continue to improve access to information and services that are migrating to digital formats,” said Jean-François Martin, management committee chair of the Manatua Consortium.

## Manatua Cable System Map



### 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. [www.subcom.com](http://www.subcom.com)

### About Office des Postes et Télécommunications (OPT)

The Office des Postes (OPT), the télécommunications group of French Polynesia, is a government-owned company with three main subsidiaries. OPT operates and delivers fixed line infrastructure and services, Vini is the mobile operator, ISS sells computers and provides IT services and Tahiti Nui Telecoms, former international operator, is now focusing on Data Centers and services and hosting equipment such as satellites Teleport, Honotua cable landing station. With 87 stores spread across a surface as vast as Europe, OPT Group delivers services to all inhabited islands.

### **About Avaroa Cable Limited (ACL)**

Avaroa Cable Ltd (ACL) was established in March 2017 as a state-owned entity, with the intent to enable the Cook Islands and its people access to more affordable, reliable and faster internet. It is wholly owned on behalf of the Crown (Cook Islands Government) by the Cook Islands Investment Corporation (CIIC). ACL represents the Cook Islands interest in the Manatua Cable which will also be the Cook Islands' first submarine fiber optic connection to the world. ACL will operate as a wholesaler to the Cook Islands market serving (initially) the two largest islands of Rarotonga and Aitutaki via the Manatua Cable.

### **About Telecom Niue Limited (TNL)**

Telecom Niue Limited was incorporated in 2016 in Niue and is owned 100% by the Government of Niue. It was formed out of the business and operations of the Department of Post and Telecommunications. TNL has built a modern telecommunications network offering a full range of telecommunications services to the people and businesses in Niue. TNL is the sole provider of mobile and fixed telephone services in Niue and the main provider of internet services. In October 2018, Telecom Niue launched a 4G mobile service.

### **About Samoa Submarine Cable Company (SSCC)**

SSCC is a private company incorporated in Apia Samoa which built and operates the Tui-Samoa submarine cable between Apia Samoa and Suva Fiji with branches to Savaii and Wallis & Futuna. SSCC also provides cable landing party arrangements for other regional and trans-pacific international cable systems. The SSCC mandate is to operate an open access and non-discriminatory landing party in order to deliver fast, reliable and affordable internet services to promote ICT innovation and development as an enabler of economic growth and social prosperity for the people of Samoa and the Pacific region

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