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CWC CHOSEN TO INSTALL TELECOMS FOR PANAMA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Cable & Wireless Panama, part of Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC), has won a managed services contract to install and maintain telecommunications and IT systems in the new National Assembly building in Panama City.

Cable & Wireless Panama will install telecoms equipment, create a Local Area Network (LAN) covering the building and will use fibre optic cabling to connect the building to other sites and offices of the Panamanian parliament. The company will also manage the relocation of data and virtual services from the existing National Assembly building to a data centre in the new building.

As part of the contract, Cable & Wireless Panama will configure, maintain and provide training for voice and data communications, computer security and power protection for a period of three years.

Laurie Bowen, Chief Executive Officer of CWC Business Solutions, the company's business-to-business unit, commented:

"This project shows our capability in delivering core telecoms services to the highest standards. The communications systems required by Panama's National Assembly will be of critical importance to the functioning of the country's Government. We have a strong track record of delivering solutions to the Government in Panama, and are delighted they have again trusted us with this important project."

Jorge Nicolau, Chief Executive Officer of Cable & Wireless Panama, said:

"For Cable & Wireless Panama it is a great opportunity to be part of the modernisation process of an important branch of the Panamanian State and contribute by supplying the most advanced telecommunications solutions and services."

The National Assembly is the headquarters of the country's legislature, the General Assembly. The new US\$26 million building will provide an office for each member of the General Assembly and modern facilities for members of the diplomatic corps.

About Cable & Wireless Communications

Cable & Wireless Communications is a full-service communications business. We operate leading communications businesses offering mobile, broadband and domestic and international fixed line services in most of our markets as well as pay TV, data centre and hosting, carrier and managed service solutions. Our operations are focused on providing our customers - consumers, businesses, governments - with world-class service. We are the market leader in most products we offer and territories we serve. For more information visit www.cwc.com.

About Cable & Wireless Panama

Cable & Wireless Panama (CWP) is a Panamanian telecoms company. We are jointly owned by Cable & Wireless Communications (49%), the Government of Panama (49%) and our employees (2%). Cable & Wireless Communications has both management and Board control.

We are the market leader in the provision of fixed, mobile and broadband services in Panama. We are also a major supplier of pay TV and enterprise services.

We are committed to contributing towards the social and economic development of the country through investing in projects and programmes to provide equal access to telecommunications, closing the digital divide and promoting access to new information technology. One example of this is our social telecoms projects (telecoms-enabled public services) which are helping to improve medical services, education and public safety across Panama.

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