

Seacom announces strategic acquisition

Seacom, the pan-African telecommunications service provider, has announced the conclusion of a sale agreement for the 100% acquisition of FibreCo Telecommunications by its affiliate Seacom South Africa.



Byron Clatterbuck, CEO of Seacom

FibreCo owns and operates a national open access dark fibre network, providing infrastructure, connectivity and services across South Africa. The acquisition is subject to approval by the South African Competition Commission.

This acquisition represents another major milestone towards Seacom achieving its vision to expand its African footprint through the consolidation of fibre assets. Seacom believes this is necessary for the evolution of the market, particularly as we move into the 5G environment with its requirement for pervasive fibre networks.

Seacom connects South Africa to the east coast of Africa, India and Europe and FibreCo connects over 60 points of presence across South Africa, including major data centres in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Durban, Port Elizabeth and East London.

FibreCo's network also connects the Seacom subsea cable system (which lands in Mtunzini on the east coast of South Africa) to the WACS cable (which lands at Yzerfontein, on the west coast of South Africa), enabling fully redundant high-speed ring protection for diversity around the African continent.

The acquisition significantly strengthens Seacom's operations in South Africa by creating a platform for the expansion of its business services. It enables the delivery of high-speed internet connectivity and cloud products into smaller cities and towns across the country, which have typically been under-serviced.

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