

Alcatel-Lucent, Main One Cable Company extend maintenance contract

Alcatel-Lucent and Main One Cable Company Limited, have renewed their marine maintenance contract for Main One's submarine cable system connecting Portugal to Nigeria over 7 000 km and contributing to enhance overall African and international connectivity.

Delivering high-speed bandwidth of 1.92 Tbit/s, the Main One cable enables cost-effective access to global information, data and markets in Western Africa.

As a member of the Atlantic Private Maintenance Agreement (APMA), Main One will continue to manage and maintain its network at the highest level of performance. Under the service level agreement, Alcatel-Lucent will make available its maintenance vessels, as well as experienced, fully trained, and certified specialist personnel for cable repairs.

Ensuring optimal network availability

"To ensure the optimal network availability for continuity and quality of communications that our customers demand, we rely on world-class technical support including state-of-the-art cable ships capable of delivering rapid response repair services in any weather condition," said Bernard Logan, Main One chief commercial officer. "Alcatel-Lucent's demonstrated capability and experience in all aspects of marine operations and maintenance assures and enhances the reliability of our network."

"This contract renewal further confirms Alcatel-Lucent's leading role as marine service provider to help operators maintain their networks at the highest standards of service reliability for maximum end-user confidence," said Philippe Dumont, head of Alcatel-Lucent's submarine network activity.

"Combined with the recent redistribution of our maintenance vessels in the Atlantic, our Cape Verde-based cable ship will offer the shortest possible mobilisation time for any repair operations off West Africa." confirms Dumont.