PCCW Global to link Rodrigues with high speed undersea cable for Mauritius Telecom

HKT (SEHK:6823) – HONG KONG, March 5, 2018 – PCCW Global, the international operating division of HKT, Hong Kong's premier telecommunications service provider, has agreed with Mauritius Telecom to construct and maintain a high speed submarine cable connecting the Indian Ocean Islands of Rodrigues and Mauritius which will vastly improve connectivity for Rodrigues.

PCCW Global will cooperate with Huawei Marine Networks to construct the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine Cable System (MARS), a 700km undersea cable with a bandwidth design capacity of 16Tbit/s. MARS will be ready for service in 2019 and PCCW Global will manage operation for the cable.

With a population of approximately 40,000 people, Rodrigues is the second largest island in the Republic of Mauritius. The residents of Rodrigues will not only benefit from vastly improved bandwidth and connectivity once the new cable is live, but will also have access to a rich portfolio of digital applications, online services and content via PCCW Global's international network.

Mr. Frederick Chui, Senior Vice President of Global Data Sales, PCCW Global, said, "This project is very exciting for us because we are using our experience gained in designing, building, and maintaining submarine cables around the world to assist another service provider, in this case Mauritius Telecom, to commission their own fully-maintained cable investment. This completely eliminates any risk in the development, maintenance and operation of what might otherwise have been a technically daunting project."

Mr. Mike Constable, Chief Executive of Huawei Marine, said, "We are proud to collaborate with Mauritius Telecom and PCCW Global to revolutionize the broadband infrastructure of Rodrigues by providing a step-change in high speed Internet connectivity and facilitate the growth of digital communications. This is the 12th submarine cable system we have deployed in the African region, which reinforces the confidence in our technology and robust network solutions to further enable the transformation of the region's digital economy."

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About PCCW Global

PCCW Global is the international operating division of HKT, Hong Kong's premier telecommunications service provider, which is majority-owned by PCCW Limited. Covering more than 3,000 cities and 150 countries, the PCCW Global network supports a portfolio of integrated global communications solutions which include Ethernet, IP, fiber and satellite transmission solutions, international voice and VoIPX services, managed network & security services and our expanding "as-a-service" solutions including OTT video and Unified Communications.

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PCCW Global is headquartered in Hong Kong, and maintains regional centers in Belgium, China, France, Greece, Japan, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. To learn more about PCCW Global, please visit www.pccwglobal.com.

About HKT

HKT (SEHK: 6823) is Hong Kong's premier telecommunications service provider and leading operator in fixed-line, broadband and mobile communication services. It meets the needs of the Hong Kong public and local and international businesses with a wide range of services including local telephony, local data and broadband, international telecommunications, mobile, and other telecommunications businesses such as customer premises equipment sales, outsourcing, consulting, and contact centers.

HKT offers a unique quadruple-play experience in Hong Kong delivering media content on its fixed-line, broadband Internet access and mobile platforms jointly with its parent company, PCCW Limited.

HKT also provides a range of innovative and smart living services beyond connectivity to make the daily lives of customers more convenient, whether they are at home, in the workplace, or on the go. For more information, please visit www.hkt.com.

About Huawei Marine Networks

Huawei Marine integrates state-of-the-art technologies in telecommunications and nearly 160 years of marine operations experience, committing itself to the development and construction of submarine cable communication networks throughout the globe.

Huawei Marine provides highly reliable, cost-effective turnkey submarine cable system solutions incorporating system design, integration and installation services with an on-going focus and commitment to customer support for network operators.

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