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China Telecom Global selects the Djibouti Data Center (DDC) as a Strategic Hub for Pan-African Expansion

Located in East Africa, the Djibouti Data Center (DDC) will support China Telecom Global and the SEA-ME-WE 5 submarine cable system to meet high-speed connectivity demands along the Belt and Road route

Hong Kong, 5 December 2016 – China Telecom Global (CTG), the international operating subsidiary of China Telecom Corporation (China Telecom), a leading integrated information service provider in China, has selected the Djibouti Data Center (DDC), to help facilitate network expansion, co-location and submarine fiber cable access services in East Africa.

The Djibouti Data Center has been built to Tier III data center standards and serves as a major meeting point for submarine fiber cable systems including the new Southeast Asia-Middle East – Western Europe (SEA-ME-WE 5) submarine cable designed to connect Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Western Europe. China Telecom Global is a founding member of the consortium for SEA-ME-WE 5, which is expected to be ready for service in late 2016.

Mr. Liu Changhai, Managing Director of China Telecom (Africa and Middle East) Limited, a subsidiary of CTG, said, “The cooperation with DDC is a significant component of our overall commitment to contributing to the digital evolution and economic development of Africa. The addition of SEA-ME-WE 5 to CTG’s existing fiber cable assets in the region is a significant milestone that marks a new page for the company’s regional strategic planning in accordance to the Belt and Road Initiative. With our abundant and further expanded network resources, we can better serve our MNC clients and Carrier partners in Djibouti, Ethiopia and other countries in East Africa.”

The SEA-ME-WE 5 will span approximately 20,000kms and employ 100Gbps technology, with initial system capacity of 24 terabits to provide customers with low-latency and direct connectivity. It will further enhance the diversity and agility in the growing demand for Asia, Africa, Middle East and Western Europe routes around the world.

The system is designed as a multiregional super highway, and will connect Djibouti with China, via 18 landing points located in Singapore, Pakistan, UAE, Oman, Egypt, Italy, France and etc.

Mr. Anthony Voscarides, Chief Executive Officer of Djibouti Data Center, said: “The addition of the SEA-ME-WE 5 cable system further establishes DDC as the leading carrier-neutral data center hub in East Africa serving global and regional telecommunication companies, MNOs, ISPs and CDN providers.”

Mr. Voscarides added: “We are very pleased that CTG will be joining the DDC ecosystem, as it further enables the development and introduction of new services that will help drive economic and social well-being in the region.”

The DDC is uniquely positioned in East Africa and will enable China Telecom Global to establish cross-connect and co-location facilities directly adjacent to Djibouti Telecom’s cable landing stations.



In addition to supporting SEA-ME-WE 5 in the near future, the DDC provides access to fiber-cable systems such as AAE 1, EIG, EASSy, Aden-Djibouti and Ethiopia-Djibouti.

About China Telecom Global Limited

China Telecom Global Limited (CTG) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Telecommunications Corporation Limited for managing its international businesses. Established in 2012 and headquartered in Hong Kong and Beijing, CTG leverages the abundant resources in mainland China, connecting the Asia Pacific region to the world. CTG has subsidiaries and affiliates in 31 countries and regions, 68 overseas PoPs, 45 OTN nodes, and delivers more than 20T in international connectivity bandwidth and intercontinental capacity. CTG also has resources on 38 submarine cables, while participating in the construction of more than 10. With the direct connections with more than 10 neighbouring countries and regions via terrestrial cables, CTG has mapped out a global service and capacity network. Targeting international carriers, multinational corporations and overseas Chinese consumers, CTG provides customised and cost-effective integrated communications solutions and diversified telecom services to cater to their global business needs. Its services include direct access, internet transit, data services, broadband, unified communications, internet data center, cloud computing, ICT services, fixed and mobile voice and value-added services, professional services and industry solutions, telecom operation consultancy, and service outsourcing.

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About the Djibouti Data Center (DDC)

The Djibouti Data Center (DDC) is the first and only Tier 3 carrier-neutral data center ecosystem in East Africa with direct access to all major international and regional fiber optic systems connecting Europe, the Middle East, and Asia markets with Africa – including upcoming Sea-Me-We5 and AAE1. The DDC also operates the Djibouti Internet Exchange (DjIX), a neutral and independent IXP in Africa. The DjIX offers high speed, reliable, and resilient service. Both the DDC and DjIX are catalysts in east Africa that enable new applications and services that help to drive economic development and social well-being in the region.

Learn more about the DDC products and services at www.djiboutidatacenter.com

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