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### Commercial Operation of ALEXANDROS Submarine Cable Subsystem

Cyta announced the commercial operation of the Cyprus-France segment of its new submarine cable subsystem ALEXANDROS.

ALEXANDROS subsystem is the result of the strategic co-operation agreement between Cyta and Telecom Egypt (TE), according to which Cyta participates on an ownership basis in the TE submarine cable system TE NORTH (TEN), connecting Egypt with France. The TEN system has been constructed by Alcatel-Lucent and utilises eight fibre pairs with total capacity of more than 10Tbps. The system is equipped with branching units which enable it to be extended to selected countries in the Mediterranean, thus creating a communication bridge between these countries, Europe, Africa, and Asia, as well as business opportunities in the Mediterranean and Eurasia.

Under the agreement, the TEN system has been extended to Cyprus via a direct branch and Cyta has acquired separate fibre pairs between Cyprus-Egypt and Cyprus-France, each with 96x10Gbps total capacity. The agreement also allows for an option of extending ALEXANDROS subsystem to Greece. The Cyprus-Egypt segment of the subsystem will come into commercial operation in the coming few months, along with the rest of the TEN system.

Through the extensive international telecommunication infrastructure of Cyta, comprising submarine cable systems connecting the island with neighbouring countries and other international destinations, Cyprus currently constitutes a major telecommunications hub in the Mediterranean region. Through ALEXANDROS subsystem, Cyta achieves an optimum configuration for its business needs, enhancing connectivity in the Mediterranean and providing international network robustness and reliability. At the same time, ALEXANDROS allows Cyta to provide high-quality bandwidth to other telecommunication providers and access new markets, serving the international telecommunication needs of Cyprus in general.

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