

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Jio Launches New Submarine Cable System**

#### ***Asia-Africa-Europe (AAE-1) Brings Upto 40 Terabits of New Capacity to the Region***

**Mumbai, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017:** Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. (Jio), the largest 4G and mobile broadband digital services provider in India, announces the launch of the Asia-Africa-Europe (AAE-1) submarine cable system. AAE-1, the longest 100Gbps technology based submarine system, will stretch over 25,000 km from Marseille, France to Hong Kong, with 21 cable landings across Asia and Europe. This large scale project is the combined work of leading telecom service providers from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. With diversified Points of Presence (PoP) in Asia (Hong Kong and Singapore) and three onward connectivity options in Europe (via France, Italy and Greece), AAE-1 will provide the requisite flexibility and diversity for carriers and their customers.

AAE-1 will pass through the critical hubs, serving the increasing demand for video centric data bandwidth supporting all types of communications, applications, and content within India and beyond. AAE-1 links seamlessly with other cable systems and fiber networks to deliver direct access to all global markets.

“The new terabit capacity and 100Gbps direct connectivity to global content hubs and interconnection points ensure that Jio will continue to offer its customers the most exceptional high speed internet and digital service experience,” said Mathew Oommen, President-Jio. “We are excited to participate in the launch and deliver the cable landing in Mumbai at the time when India’s data traffic continues its accelerated data consumption and growth.”

Due to its advanced design and route, AAE-1 provides one of the lowest latency routes between Hong Kong, India, Middle East and Europe with the fewest hops.

Jio provides the Network Operations & Management for AAE-1 Cable System. The AAE-1 NOC, managed by Jio, leverages the state of the art facility in Navi Mumbai along-with its advanced tools and automation.

*For More Information about the AAE-1 Cable System, visit: [www.aaeone.com](http://www.aaeone.com)*

#### **About Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited:**

Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (“Jio”), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited (“RIL”), has built a world-class all-IP data strong future proof network with latest 4G LTE technology. It is the only network conceived and born as a Mobile Video Network from the ground up and supporting Voice over LTE technology. It is future ready and can be easily upgraded to support even more data, as technologies advance on to 5G, 6G and beyond.

Jio brings transformational changes in digital services space to enable the vision of Digital India for 1.2 billion Indians and propel India into global leadership in digital economy. It has created an eco-system comprising network, devices, applications and content, service experience and affordable tariffs for everyone to live the Jio Digital Life. As part of its customer offers, Jio has revolutionised the Indian telecom landscape by making voice calls for Jio customers absolutely free, across India, to any network, and always. Jio makes India the highest quality, most affordable data market in the world so that every Indian can do Datagiri.

### **About Asia-Africa-Europe-1 (AAE-1):**

Asia-Africa-Europe 1 (AAE-1) is a 25,000km consortium cable system connecting South East Asia to Europe via Egypt, the largest submarine cable in almost 15 years.

Under the cooperation of China Unicom, CIL (HyalRoute), Djibouti Telecom, Etisalat, GT5L, Mobily, Omantel, Ooredoo, OTEG, PCCW, PTCL, Reliance Jio, Retelit, Telecom Egypt, TeleYemen, TOT, Viettel, VNPT and VTC, AAE-1 connects Hong Kong, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, with Malaysia and Singapore, then onwards to Myanmar, India, Pakistan, Oman, UAE, Qatar, Yemen, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Greece, Italy and France.

AAE-1 cable system deploys state-of-the-art 100Gbps transmission technology, with a minimum design capacity of 40 Tbps.

One of the unique features of AAE-1 is that whilst it terminates in Singapore, it also continues further into Asia via diverse terrestrial routes across Thailand connecting Vietnam, Cambodia and Hong Kong. This routing enables AAE-1 to have one of the lowest latencies between Hong Kong, India, the Middle-East and Europe.

By connecting major carrier-neutral PoPs in Hong Kong, Singapore and Marseilles, AAE-1 owners can choose their preferred backhaul providers at these PoPs.

With express fibers and the minimum number of fiber hops between East and West, AAE-1 is the high performance, economic solution for OTTs, international carriers and enterprise businesses on the Eurasia corridor.

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