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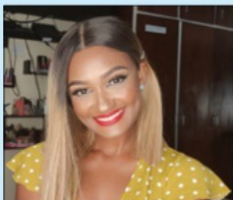
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## Seychelles Cable Systems Company Limited (SCS) 2nd Submarine Cable: Landing of the PEACE cable system in Seychelles

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 will mark a historic day in Seychelles as the country welcomes its second submarine fibre optic cable landing at Ile Perseverance.

The Pakistan East Africa Connecting Europe (PEACE) project is a 15,000 Kilometre high-capacity submarine cable that connects Pakistan, Seychelles, Kenya, Djibouti and France. In 2018, the Seychelles Cable Systems Co. Ltd (SCS) signed a contract with Huawei Marine Networks (now HMN Tech) for the construction of a branch on the PEACE cable system to connect the Seychelles.

The Seychelles Cable Systems Co. Ltd (SCS) is a Public Private Partnership (PPP) Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) that was created over a decade ago to build and operate the first submarine cable system to physically connect Seychelles to the rest of the world. The company comprises of the Government of Seychelles, Cable & Wireless Seychelles and AIRTEL Seychelles and the Seychelles East-Africa System (SEAS) cable was partly financed through equity and loans from Af-

rican Development Bank (AfDB) and the European Investment

Bank (EIB).

The laying of the new PEACE

system started a few months ago and the cable-laying ship, the CS



The cable ship laying the shore-end of the Seychelles branch is the CS NIWA of E-Marine (picture of the NIWA close to Perseverance).

NIWA, has already arrived in Port Victoria to land the Seychelles branch of this system. The landing point for the second cable is Perseverance beach where SCS has recently built a new Cable Landing Station (CLS) aptly named SCS House. To date, SCS has invested over USD 20 million into this project and the PEACE system with its 800 Gbps capacity branch to Seychelles is expected to be fully operational by the second quarter of 2022.

The landing of the PEACE system marks a key milestone in ensuring that the telecommunication development of the country continues to evolve to ensure resiliency in its international connectivity through submarine cables. Currently, and apart from satellite connections, Seychelles is linked to the outside world via the single SEAS cable that was commissioned by SCS over 10