

Final Splice for OAC: Australia's 9,800km Express Cable to Oman, Europe and Beyond

Barka, Oman & Brisbane, Australia – 4th July 2022. – SUBCO today announced the final splice of the Oman Australia Cable (OAC) has occurred, marking a major milestone towards completing construction of this important digital infrastructure project.

"I am both excited and somewhat relieved to have achieved final splice on OAC and see for the first time light travel along the entire continuous optical path all the way between Oman and Australia. Such a great achievement and major milestone toward a more resilient internet." said Slattery.

OAC is Australia's first express undersea cable to EMEA, and represents a critical and overdue pathway of diverse connectivity from Australia to Oman, Europe and beyond.

SUBCO's Founder Bevan Slattery said "Today too much of our internet traffic is concentrated travelling through routes that represent massive single points of failure, in shallow waters in the worlds most heavily fished and busiest shipping channels of the Malacca Strait and the Andaman and South China Seas. The Oman Australia Cable provides a completely diverse, deep-ocean express route between our two continents."

Mr Slattery said "More data is flowing across the world than ever before. It's overdue that Australia had a fast, secure connection to Europe, the Middle East and Africa. This is an important piece of the puzzle to improve Australian and international digital resiliency and we are excited to be less than two months from delivering our first services to customers."

OAC's final testing and commissioning is now underway with the system expected to be ready for service in July 2022.

ABOUT SUBCO

Founded by industry veteran Bevan Slattery, SUBCO is a specialist consulting and investment company focusing on assisting the development of submarine cable projects and investing in specialist projects alongside infrastructure investment partners.



Previous projects undertaken by the management team include Sydney to Guam Cable (PPC-1), Sydney to Los Angeles (Endeavour & AAG), Singapore to Perth Cable (Indigo West) and Australia's first transcontinental fibre optic submarine cable (Indigo Central).

ABOUT SUBCOM

SubCom is the leading global partner for today's undersea data transport requirements. SubCom designs, manufactures, deploys, maintains, and operates the industry's most reliable fiber optic cable networks. Its flexible solutions include repeaterless to ultra-long-haul, offshore oil and gas, scientific applications, and marine services. SubCom brings end-to-end network knowledge and global experience to support on-time delivery and meet the needs of customers worldwide. To date, the company has deployed over 200 networks - enough undersea cable to circle Earth more than 17 times at the equator.

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