

SUBCO Increases Fibre Capacity on SMAP Cable System

Brisbane, Australia, 16th May 2024 – SUBCO is excited to announce it has increased the fibre capacity of the SMAP cable system connecting Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. Originally designed as a 12 fibre pair system, SMAP has been upgraded to a 16 fibre pair system providing for an increase of 33% of total system capacity.

SUBCO Co-CEO Bevan Slattery said “This increased investment in capacity is to ensure we are able to support Australia’s digital infrastructure needs both now, and in the future. AI and Cloud are driving the accelerating expansion of hyperscale Data Centres throughout the region, which is driving an increase in demand for hyperscale connectivity. This upgrade will provide for an additional 100Tbps between Melbourne and Perth and 120Tbps between Sydney and Melbourne.

The SMAP cable is on track for provisional acceptance in December, 2025 and updates as to the progress can be found on the SMAP blog <https://sub.co/smap-blog>



ABOUT THE SMAP CABLE

A new transcontinental submarine cable system connecting Sydney, Melbourne (Torquay), Adelaide and Perth (S-M-A-P), SMAP will boast 16 fibre pairs, full armouring and space division multiplexing (SDM) technology to deliver secure, low latency and positioned to become the world's first zero carbon long-haul subsea cable system. With ability to deliver a total of 400Tbps with the recent 16 pair upgrade, SMAP is set to become one of the world's largest capacity undersea cables.

ABOUT SUBCO

Founded by industry leader Bevan Slattery, SUBCO has developed some of the world's most innovative submarine cable networks. SUBCO has a strong record of developing, owning and operating largescale submarine infrastructure, which has provided critical digital gateways to Asia, the Middle East, and EMEA. Over the last five years, the company has amassed a formidable portfolio of submarine infrastructure and, with the recent SMAP cable project, will be approaching \$750m of investment.

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