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**HAWAIIKI CABLE AND ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SIGN LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP
FOR LANDING AND OPERATING ACTIVITIES IN OREGON**

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND AND ANCHORAGE, AK, USA - SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 - Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP, the New Zealand owner and developer of Hawaiki submarine cable system, has selected Alaska Communications (NASDAQ: ALSK) as its landing and operating partner in Oregon.

Hawaiki will land its proposed 14,000 km trans-Pacific cable between Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and the U.S. West Coast in Pacific City, Oregon.

Following the completion of the marine survey of the 4,000 km segment between Pacific City and Honolulu, Hawaiki has achieved another key milestone of the system deployment by securing its Oregon operations through a Landing Party Agreement with Alaska Communications.

“Oregon is probably the best state on the U.S. West Coast to land a submarine cable. The coast is relatively safe, the state permitting process is efficient and most importantly, our customers like Oregon’s diversity and easy access to U.S. networks and data centers. We are pleased to have a long-term partnership with Alaska Communications, who understands our customers’ requirements in terms of system performance and quality of service,” said Gina Bohreer, senior vice president North America of Hawaiki.

“As part of the U.S. permitting process for international submarine cable, Hawaiki has subsequently submitted its application to the Federal Communication Commission.”

“Hawaiki and Alaska Communications are both committed to the highest quality and reliability standards. Today, Alaska Communications manages two geographically diverse, submarine cables between Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. We have leveraged our expertise in submarine cable operations to provide landing station and network management capabilities to several other Trans Pacific submarine systems. Now, we are pleased to extend our network managed service capabilities to Hawaiki and its Oregon landing station,” said Bill Bishop, senior vice president, business markets at Alaska Communications.

About Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP

Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP, headquartered in Auckland, New Zealand, is the owner and developer of the Hawaiki submarine cable system (Hawaiki).

Hawaiki is a 14,000 km carrier-neutral cable linking Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and Oregon, on the U.S. West Coast. It will deliver more than 30 Tbps of capacity and will be the fastest and largest link between the U.S. and Australia and New Zealand.

For more information, visit www.hawaikicable.co.nz

About Alaska Communications

Alaska Communications (NASDAQ: ALSK) is a leading provider of advanced broadband and managed IT services for businesses and consumers in Alaska. The company operates a highly reliable, advanced statewide data and voice network with the latest technology and the most diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous U.S. For more information, visit <http://www.alaskacommunications.com> or <http://www.alsk.com>.

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