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**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
OF HAWAIIKI CABLE LANDING STATION IN MANGAWHAI HEADS**

*Construction of New Zealand landing infrastructure commences
Hawaiki will help make New Zealand a safer and more attractive destination
for the world's leading IT companies*

Mangawhai Heads, New Zealand - Nov. 23, 2016 - A vital infrastructure project for New Zealand was launched today by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon John Key, and Minister of Communications Hon Amy Adams, when they broke the soil for the Hawaiki Submarine Cable landing station at Bream Tail, Mangawhai Heads, Northland, New Zealand.

The 14,000 km Hawaiki submarine cable will link New Zealand to Australia, Hawaii and mainland United States, with options to expand to several South Pacific islands.

The \$NZ500m project was announced in March this year when all-New Zealand equity funding was secured from Remi Galasso, a submarine cable industry veteran, well known New Zealand businessman Sir Eion Edgar and telecommunications entrepreneur Malcolm Dick.

"The Hawaiki cable brings huge benefits to New Zealand in terms of greater capacity, competition in Internet pricing, resilience and security of supply, and increased opportunities for our technology and IT industries," said Hawaiki Chairman Sir Eion Edgar.

"We have surveyed the whole coast of Northland and selected Bream Tail in Mangawhai Heads as the best landing site for our cable system. Good local conditions, suitable water depth for the cable ship and easy access to terrestrial fiber networks were the key conditions to pick Bream Tail Farm," said Remi Galasso, CEO of Hawaiki. "The build of the landing station will start early next year to have the station ready by mid-2017."

The Chair of the REANNZ Board, Jim Donovan, applauded the exciting milestone reached today by Hawaiki. "As a founding customer of the Hawaiki Cable project, REANNZ (Research & Education Advanced Network New Zealand) operates New Zealand's high-performance network, supporting the specific needs of educators, innovators, researchers and scientists around the country. The launch of the landing station takes us one step closer to further enhancing New Zealand's connectivity capability, creating an essential piece

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submarine cable

of infrastructure, and providing much needed new capacity and diversity of supply," he said.

Today's event was attended by more than 100 stakeholders, with strong representation from the Northland region.

Chief Executive of Northland Inc, David Wilson, welcomed the Hawaiki cable project as a key infrastructure project for the region.

"For New Zealand, it means increased connectivity, increased competition, diversity and resilience. For Northland, it is all of those things but also the opportunity to strengthen and diversify our economy," Mr Wilson said.

System Map



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 carrier-neutral submarine cable linking Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and Oregon, on the U.S. west coast. For more information, visit www.hawaikicable.co.nz.



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