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Gen-i ramps up delivery of new \$60m Auckland data centre

Gen-i and Revera today announced site preparation is well underway and construction of their \$60 million enterprise class data centre will begin later this month, with completion expected in the second half of 2014. Located in Popes Road, Takanini the new Tier 3 greenfield data centre will be one of New Zealand's largest and most sophisticated, housing up to 1200 racks.

The facility will be of modular POD construction with 4 x 100 rack data halls in each POD and a strong focus on sustainability and energy efficiency.

Gen-i CEO Tim Miles says: "This is a fantastic investment for Gen-i and Revera, and more importantly, for our clients. The new Auckland facility will further increase our capability to deliver the data centre and cloud services our clients increasingly need and want. We're already receiving a substantial amount of interest in the new Auckland site from our clients, which underpinned our decision to build.

"The Takanini data centre will be an important addition to Gen-i and Revera's combined fleet of 20 data centres nationwide. This is in addition to our recently opened \$10.5 million Christchurch data centre, planned expansion of Revera's Wellington data centre, and a \$2 million expansion to our Dunedin site."

The new data centre represents an investment by Telecom of approximately \$60 million, which will be accounted for within the FY15 capex envelope. Telecom has signed a development agreement with Retail Holdings Limited, who have engaged Hawkins Construction Limited and AECOM to design and build the new facility.

This investment will add considerable momentum to the long-term growth strategies of both Gen-i and Revera, as the two companies meet increased demand from clients looking to relocate their infrastructure or leverage Revera cloud services.

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About the Takanini Data Centre

Resiliency: Tier 3 site built to meet TIA 942-A (2012) standard

The site: Located upstream from the Otahuhu substation pinch point that has created power issues in recent times, the site is zoned industrial with no immediate neighbours, has good multiple road access and low Tsunami risk. The site is well located for power and very close to Telecom's backbone network and other telecommunication providers (the data centre will be carrier agnostic), while providing sufficient geographical separation from existing Telecom site and other service providers. The land and layout provide good access and building setbacks to meet high levels of security design.

Design: A strong focus will be placed on sustainability, PUE and future flexibility. Modular POD construction will be employed with 4 x 100 rack data halls in each POD. The site has sufficient room for 3 of these PODs allowing for ultimate capacity of 1200 racks.

Timing: Construction will begin this winter with completion in 2H 2014 (calendar year)

Client pipeline: This Tier 3 site will be utilised by Revera for hosting of All of Government operations, and by Gen-i for enterprise data centre clients.

About Gen-i and Revera

A member of the Telecom New Zealand Group, Gen-i delivers managed services across IT and communications to support the success of its 4000 private and public sector clients.

In the 12 months ended 30 June 2013, Gen-i's operating revenue was \$1.26 billion.

For more information, visit www.gen-i.co.nz

Acquired by Telecom in May this year, Revera is a leading New Zealand provider of computing infrastructure, data centre and platform services.

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