

ASX Announcement

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SUPERLOOP TO PROVIDE CONNECTIVITY TO INDIGO CABLE TO NEXTDC

Superloop Limited (**ASX:SLC**) is pleased to announce that it has agreed terms with NEXTDC Limited (ASX: NXT) under which it is to provide optical layer connectivity to the new INDIGO subsea cable system for both the NEXTDC data centres in Perth (P1 and P2) as well as Sydney (S1 and S2).

NEXTDC's Sydney customers will be amongst the first to benefit from Asia Pacific's shortest submarine cable route between Sydney and Singapore (also the major ASIAPAC gateway to Europe and Africa) by utilising the INDIGO Central and INDIGO West SUBSEA cables for a path that is about 4,000 thousand kilometres shorter than the next shortest submarine path.

The INDIGO subsea cable will connect Singapore, Indonesia and Australia, providing significantly lower latency and greater reliability using the shortest subsea links between Australia and fast growing South East Asian markets, enabling speeds of 36 terabits per second.

The INDIGO cable stretches 9,200km between Singapore and Perth via Jakarta and onwards to Sydney and will be built by INDIGO consortium members AARnet, Google, Indosat, Singtel, SubPartners, and Telstra. Superloop acquired the cable's construction firm SubPartners in 2017.

Superloop will provide NEXTDC with optical layer connectivity to INDIGO at both NEXTDC's Tier III certified Perth P1 and S1 data centres, as well as their upcoming high capacity, energy efficient, Tier IV designed data centres P2 and S2. Superloop will also be the inaugural customer at NEXTDC's new world class 20MW P2 Tier IV data centre currently under development in East Perth.

The connections will go live with INDIGO's expected 'ready for service' date in the first half of 2019, when the consortium will light up two twin-fibre optical pairs with a minimum capacity of 18 terabits per second each, enabling 36 terabit speeds.

The INDIGO Central link connects Perth to Sydney via a subsea cable outside the Great Australian Bight, while the INDIGO West connects Perth to Singapore via Jakarta.

Drew Kelton, CEO of Superloop commented: "We are starting to see the benefits of our investment in infrastructure in Australia and South East Asia. INDIGO joins these markets together and in conjunction with NEXTDC provides a springboard for Australian businesses expanding in Asia or Asian business seeking a foothold in Australia."

"NEXTDC's customers want to design their networks, applications and service delivery capabilities using world-class services and direct access to the fastest, most diverse connections available," says Craig Scroggie, CEO of NEXTDC. "Our partnership with Superloop provides our customers access to the most direct connectivity between Perth and Sydney, and the fastest gateway into Singapore - via a simple Cross Connect. Having INDIGO as our first P2 customer underlines the ever-increasing importance of cloud-to-cloud connectivity, whether national or international, and supports Perth's acceleration towards a cloud-based economy."

The INDIGO cable network will deliver about a 40-millisecond latency advantage over existing submarine cable systems connecting to Sydney and Singapore.

The INDIGO subsea network combined with NEXTDC's cutting edge data centres open up new opportunities in Australia and APAC to deliver products that demand low latency connectivity, such as higher accuracy 5G-enabled navigational capabilities.

NEXTDC's Australian customers will be in the perfect position to enjoy all the benefits these new submarine cables bring including greatly enhanced, reliable interconnection into South East Asia and Australia's first subsea route between Perth and Sydney which will complement the existing terrestrial networks connecting Australia's East and West coasts.

About INDIGO

The INDIGO cable system will strengthen links between Australia and the fast-growing South East Asian markets, providing lower latency and enhanced reliability. Using today's coherent optical technology, each of the two-fibre pairs will have a minimum capacity of 18 terabits per second, with the option to increase this capacity in the future. The INDIGO cable system will span over 9000 km and connect Singapore and Perth, and onwards to Sydney.

About Superloop

Superloop Limited (ASX:SLC) is a leading provider of connectivity and managed services in Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong. We own and operate critical fibre infrastructure that empowers enterprises and global telecommunications carriers to capitalise on emerging technologies and gain a competitive advantage.

With extensive carrier-grade, metro fibre networks in the three markets and fixed wireless networks in Australia, Superloop delivers high-performance, connectivity solutions that are scalable and reliable. Our innovative infrastructure gives customers the freedom and the flexibility to transform their business and the bottom line.

Superloop's large-scale 640+km of fibre network connects to more than 280 strategic sites across the region. The strategic acquisitions - BigAir and SubPartners - have both increased our capacity, and transformed Superloop into an end-to-end provider of digital services including Cloud-based solutions and managed services.