

# NOTA DE PRENSA

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**The project is supported by Telefónica and will be delivered by Huawei Marine**

### CamTel and China Unicom to build trans-Atlantic submarine cable to connect Africa to Latin America

**Beijing, China, October 22, 2015**– CamTel and China Unicom have announced today the construction of the Cameroon-Brazil Cable System (CBCS), connecting Africa to Latin America. Telefónica will support the initiative providing its international facilities and experience. The project will be delivered by Huawei Marine.

CBCS, which is approximately 6,000 km long, will cross the south Atlantic sea connecting Kribi in Cameroon to Fortaleza in Brazil. Utilising Huawei Marine's leading 100 G technology, it will have an initial system capacity of 32 Tbps with 4 fiber pairs and come into service at the end of 2017. Huawei Marine will deploy its 6fp submarine Repeater 1660, the industry's first innovative titanium repeater, which boasts a slim-line profile to allow direct lay and plough burial. This simultaneous operation significantly reduces system installation costs by eliminating the need for an expensive secondary, post-lay burial operation.

David Nkoto Emame, General Manager of CamTel, Lu Yimin, President of China Unicom, along with representatives from Telefónica and Huawei Marine gathered in Yuande, Cameroon, last October 14<sup>th</sup> to seal the agreement and celebrate the cooperation on CBCS.

General Manager of CamTel, David Nkoto Emame said, "At present, when international data from mainland Africa transmits to America it is forced to divert to Western Europe first before going to America. However, the CBCS will provide a direct route from Africa to America, as well as provide Cameroon, Brazil and other neighboring countries with a high capacity, reliable and fast transmission channel."

The president of China Unicom, Lu Yimin, said: "Africa and Latin America are strategic emerging regions for our global business. China Unicom is very pleased to partner with CamTel, Telefónica and Huawei Marine to build this high speed and low latency infrastructure to connect Africa and Latin America. Not only will it help meet the increasing demand for local internet access, it will also improve our service to Chinese enterprises which have entered into the African and Latin American markets."

"Telefónica as the leading Digital Telco in Latin America brings into the project its existing national and international facilities, years of local experience and future commitment. We are delighted to partner with China Unicom and CamTel to jointly provide facilities and extensions for CBCS. The CBCS will offer a new reliable route in the South Atlantic enabling us to provide a better secure service to our customers", said Juan Revilla, CEO Wholesale Business Unit in Telefónica Business Solutions.

“Huawei Marine is very honored to be building the trans-Atlantic CBCS submarine cable. Thanks to our industry leading 100G technology and innovative products, we are well positioned to provide our customers with high-speed reliable and secure networks,” said Mike Constable, the CEO of Huawei Marine. “Having delivered more than 20 submarine cable projects in the past six years, our experience demonstrates we have the capability and confidence to meet our customer’s requirements in both system design and delivery”.



#### **About Huawei Marine Networks Co., Ltd.**

Huawei Marine Networks Co., Limited (Huawei Marine) is a joint venture established by Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. and Global Marine Systems Limited. Bringing together the substantial expertise of the two parent companies, Huawei Marine integrates the state-of-the-art technologies in telecommunications and 160 years of marine operations experience with a strong commitment to the development of submarine cable communication networks throughout the globe. Huawei Marine provides highly reliable, cost-effective turnkey submarine cable system solutions incorporating system design, integration and installation services with an on-going focus and commitment to customer support for network operators.

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#### **About CamTel**

CamTel is 100% owned by Cameroon government. CamTel is running Cameroon national backbone fiber transmission network and Fix network business. CamTel's as built national backbone fiber network, had interconnect with fiber network of neighborhood countries such as Nigeria and Central African Republic, and grown into a regional fiber network. CamTel aims to develop Cameroon into an international traffic HUB of Africa through Trans-border terrestrial cable and international submarine cables such as SAT-3, WACS, ACE, NCSCS, CBSCS, etc.

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subscribers of China Unicom's mobile, fixed-line broadband and local access businesses reached 437 million.

Meanwhile, China Unicom operates subsidiaries or representative offices in Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Middle East, Australia, the US, the UK, Germany, South Africa, Brazil, etc., offering end-to-end solutions and services to its global customers.

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