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## ASN and OMS announce entry into force of the Tamtam cable contract with Prima (Vanuatu)

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ASN and OMS are pleased to announce that the Tamtam Cable contract with Prima (Vanuatu) Ltd has officially entered into force as of 16 December 2025. The system's Ready for Service (RFS) date is scheduled for end of 2027.

The Tamtam Cable project will significantly strengthen Vanuatu's digital infrastructure and resilience by:

- Providing a backup international connectivity route to New Caledonia,
- Extending domestic fiber connectivity to Tanna, Norsup, and Luganville,
- Collecting seismic, tsunami and oceanographic data, based on the ASN's Climate Change (CC) monitoring solution integrating scientific sensors inside the CC Node.

This Climate Change solution for the Tamtam Cable system is combining telecommunications with real-time environmental and subsea monitoring to improve public safety and disaster preparedness in a region highly exposed to natural hazards.

**Simon Fletcher**, Chief Executive Officer of Prima, said: *"This project is a major milestone for Vanuatu. It combines improved international resilience, broader domestic fiber access, and advanced monitoring capabilities that will contribute to both economic development and public safety."*

**Alain Biston**, Chief Executive Officer of ASN, added: *"We are very excited to launch our second SMART\* cable project worldwide, following CAM Atlantic Portugal. Vanuatu is particularly exposed to natural hazards, and we are proud that our CC technology, delivered in partnership with OMS, can help strengthen warning systems and protect communities."*

**Ronnie Lim**, Group Chief Executive Officer of OMS Group, said: *"We are proud and committed to delivering future-ready subsea infrastructure to Vanuatu with ASN. The Tamtam cable contract marks another significant milestone in our commitment to advancing the SMART cable initiative, providing integrated solutions from design through to maintenance. This achievement reinforces our dedication to innovation and sustainability in subsea connectivity."*

\*SMART stands for Science Monitoring And Reliable Telecommunications, and refers to an industry-wide initiative led in conjunction with the research and academic communities to design and implement next-generation subsea optical cable systems pursuing scientific and resilience objectives.



*Map of the Tamtam Cable route connecting Vanuatu (Port Vila, Tanna, Norsup, Luganville) with New Caledonia (Lifou), including branching units (BU) along the route.*

#### About Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN)

With over 160 years of history and 80% ownership by the French State Investment Agency (APE), Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) is a major player in the submarine cable industry, with more than 850,000 km of submerged optical systems deployed worldwide - equivalent to 21 times the Earth's circumference. With its 3 factories located in Europe and an exclusive fleet of 7 cable-laying vessels spread across the globe, ASN develops, designs, deploys, and maintains turnkey submarine transmission systems for telecommunications operators, content & service providers (OTT), as well as offshore oil and gas applications. With a complete portfolio of services and a unique expertise, ASN meets specific and growing demands of its clients to deliver ever-increasing connectivity across the seas and oceans.

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#### About OMS Group

OMS Group is a global, neutral and integrated telecommunications infrastructure service provider with end-to-end solution across the digital value chain covering Submarine Cable Installation, Installation Support, and Marine Maintenance under Telecommunications services; while the Interconnect Managed Services division offers Cable Landing Stations and Network Backhaul related services, and Data Centre Connectivity. Our capabilities in Submarine Cable Installation and Marine Maintenance comprises installation and repair of deep and shallow water fibre-optic cable systems, shore end installation, engineering and subsea surveys. Additionally, we also provide installation support services such as permitting in principle acquisitions, project management, etc. We have a strong track record in constructing and owning cable landing stations and terrestrial dark fiber in Southeast Asia.

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