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euNetworks Announces Strategic Commercial Partnership with Aqua Comms

AEConnect Subsea Cable System Extends Reach Across Europe on euNetworks' Long Haul Fibre Network, Connecting to Data Centres in 13 Major European Metro Markets

London, UNITED KINGDOM; Dublin, IRELAND – 23 February 2016 – [Aqua Comms Limited](#) ("Aqua Comms"), a provider of scalable, subsea capacity-based network solutions, has formed a strategic commercial partnership with [euNetworks Group Limited](#) ("euNetworks"), a provider of bandwidth infrastructure services in Western Europe. This partnership enables Aqua Comms' to extend its [America Europe Connect](#) ("AE Connect") subsea system across Europe on euNetworks' footprint. euNetworks owns and operates 13 fibre based metro networks across the region, connected with a long haul fibre network spanning 45 cities across 10 countries. This footprint offers direct fibre connectivity to more than 280 data centres in major European markets, delivering a strong bandwidth solution for Aqua Comms. This mutually beneficial partnership extends Aqua Comms' 10Gbps and 100Gbps Wavelengths services to additional facilities in Ireland, the UK, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

"We are delighted to be working with Aqua Comms, extending their service reach across Europe on our network," said Kevin Dean, Chief Marketing Officer of euNetworks. "The partnership between Aqua Comms and euNetworks delivers a truly end-to-end bandwidth experience for customers, something that euNetworks continues to focus on. Bandwidth is a fundamental enabler of business today and this relationship benefits the European market."

AEConnect is a 100G compliant, coherent optimised system that utilises innovative optical technologies, including the latest technology of 130 x 100 Gbps per fibre pair. It is designed to meet the exponential surge in bandwidth demand from carriers, global data centres, financial services companies, and cloud and content providers, including Web-scale providers and Over-the-Top (OTT) companies that require good reliability and performance. Reducing network costs and enabling higher, more consistent network performance for end-users, as a coherent optimised system, it will also benefit the most from the improvements that coherent technology offers, today and well into the future.

"In euNetworks, Aqua Comms has engaged with a partner with tremendous Pan-European connectivity and a remarkable footprint that will enhance our business opportunities across many of the most burgeoning markets in the world," states Peter Zwinkels, Chief Commercial Officer, Aqua Comms. "Moreover, their customer-centric and transparent corporate ethos resonated deeply with Aqua Comms' core values, underscoring our confidence that our shared customers will be exceptionally well-served through this commercial partnership."

Aqua Comms is deploying Ciena's 6500 Packet-Optical Platform, powered by WaveLogic 3 Extreme coherent optics on its AEConnect fibre optic system between London and New York and will continue to increase capacity with the introduction of more advanced modulations, including 8QAM. Leveraging Ciena's programmable platforms, AEConnect will also be able to utilise emerging technologies, such as Software Defined Networking (SDN),



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to support bandwidth-intensive applications. This ensures that global organisations can take advantage of resilient and secure connectivity at predictable costs.

The euNetworks and Aqua Comms teams will be attending [Capacity Middle East](#) in Dubai from 1-3 March, talking about bandwidth connectivity options and developments across Europe for 2016. To learn more or to schedule a meeting, contact teams via the respective press contacts provided below.

About Aqua Comms Limited

Aqua Comms Limited (Aqua Comms) is the owner and operator of the transatlantic cable AEConnect and the Irish Sea cable CeltixConnect, and was established to build, acquire or merge with subsea fiber optic cable networks to provide capacity networking solutions to the global media, content providers and IT companies. To learn more about Aqua Comms and its new transatlantic subsea cable system, AEConnect, visit www.AquaComms.com.

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About euNetworks

euNetworks is a bandwidth infrastructure provider, owning and operating 13 fibre based metropolitan networks across Europe connected with a high capacity intercity backbone covering 45 cities in 10 countries. The company leads the market in data centre connectivity, directly connecting over 280 in Europe today and is also a leading cloud connectivity provider. The company offers a portfolio of metropolitan and long haul services including Dark Fibre, Metro Wavelengths, Wavelengths, Ethernet, and Internet. Media, finance, enterprise and carrier customers benefit from euNetworks' unique inventory of fibre and duct based assets that are tailored to fulfil their high bandwidth needs.

euNetworks Group Limited is headquartered in London. For further information please visit www.eunetworks.com.

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