



## **RTI and Six Other Consortium Members to Build Transpacific Cable System Directly Connecting Southeast Asia and the United States**

SAN FRANCISCO, California – August 28, 2014 – A consortium of seven international telecommunications companies that includes RAM Telecom International (“RTI”) today announced the construction of a new submarine cable system directly connecting Southeast Asia and the United States (“SEA-US”).

SEA-US will link five areas and territories that include Manado (Indonesia), Davao (Philippines), Piti (Guam), Oahu (Hawaii, United States) and downtown Los Angeles (California, United States). SEA-US will be approximately 15,000 kilometers in length and provide route diversity from the North Pacific, avoiding earthquake prone areas in East Asia.

According to international telecom specialists, Pioneer Consulting, “In Asia, a lot of the content is generated in region, but we estimate that at least 30% of content downloaded by Asian users is coming from North America over transpacific cables. Simultaneous usage of multiple fixed and mobile devices has rapidly become the norm adding fuel to the fire of demand for bandwidth.” Accordingly, Pioneer Consulting is forecasting that demand for transpacific connectivity via submarine fiber optic cables will grow at a compound annual growth rate of 30% per year between 2014 and 2030.

Russ Matulich, Chief Executive Officer of RTI stated, “SEA-US will provide much needed Asia-US connectivity and will be the fastest cable connecting Southeast Asia with the United States. It provides essential route diversity from the North Pacific and taps into the strong economic growth of more than 1.5 billion businesses and consumers who are Internet savvy and data hungry.”

Construction of SEA-US is expected to be completed in the last quarter of 2016 at a project cost of approximately \$250 million. SEA-US will provide superior latency, deliver an additional 20 Terabits per second of capacity, and utilize the latest 100 Gigabit per second transmission equipment for the first time in a system in excess of 10,000km. This capacity will cater to the exponential growth of transpacific bandwidth demand.

In addition to RTI, members of the SEA-US consortium include: PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia International (“Telin”), Globe Telecom (“Globe”), Teleguam Holdings, LLC (“GTA”), Hawaiian Telcom, GTI Corporation and Telkom USA.

NEC Corporation (“NEC”), one of the world’s leading vendors of submarine cable systems, is the system supplier for SEA-US.

### **About RAM Telecom International**

RTI develops global telecom infrastructure and large-scale data connectivity in selected markets. RTI offers neutral services to telecommunications carriers, large multinational enterprises, content providers and government entities. RTI is headquartered in San Francisco, California. Learn more about RTI at [www.rticable.com](http://www.rticable.com)

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