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## **Pioneer Consulting Oversees Marine Operations for Dhiraagu Submarine Cable System**

**Boston, Massachusetts, USA May 20, 2016**—Pioneer Consulting, a leading international submarine cable consulting firm, has supervised the relocation of two shore-ends for the telecommunications service provider Dhivehi Raajjeyge Gulhun Plc (Dhiraagu) on its Dhiraagu undersea cable system (DSCS).

Located in the Republic of Maldives and originally installed in 2006, DSCS is a four fiber pair unrepeatable telecommunications system with a 12.14km segment from Malé to Hulhumalé and a 5.9km segment from Malé to Villingili. Due to the planned construction of a new bridge linking Malé to Hulhumalé, relocation of both shore-ends in the capital and most populous city of Malé is mandatory as the planned area of the bridge works extends over the existing submarine cable locations.

Throughout the length of the assignment, Pioneer Consulting provided Project Management and engineering expertise for all aspects of the project from Desktop Study to Factory Acceptance Testing through to marine operations and final system commissioning. Pioneer's support of critical national and international communications infrastructure allows telecom service providers continued growth and robustness of their networks.

Mr. Iain Ritson, Pioneer's Senior Project Manager who led the work, commented on the undersea cable system: "It was a pleasure working with Dhiraagu and its entire team to ensure that the DSCS system continues to serve the people of the Maldives. Dhiraagu has worked hard to develop a solid telecom infrastructure that is sure to be supportive of continued economic growth of the islands."

**About Pioneer Consulting:** Pioneer offers a comprehensive set of services for the submarine fiber optic telecommunication system industry such as: due diligence, engineering and implementation, market and technical studies, maintenance planning and operational support, and market research reports. For further information about Pioneer Consulting visit <http://www.pioneerconsulting.com> or send an e-mail to: <mailto:info@pioneerconsulting.com>.

**About Dhiraagu:**

Vision: Enrich lives through digital services

Mission: To lead the market through excellence in quality, value and customer service

Dhiraagu is the leading and the largest telecommunication operator offering total solutions and a comprehensive range of mobile, Internet, data and fixed line services throughout Maldives. The business is based on a commitment to providing innovative products and services and a philosophy that places high value on customer satisfaction.

Dhiraagu provides the widest coverage in Maldives covering all inhabited islands and resort islands. With the successful completion of its nationwide mobile broadband project, Dhiraagu is the first and only operator to provide 3G mobile broadband services to all inhabited islands across the country. Dhiraagu is the only operator in the country to have linked the Maldives from North to South through its 1200km long fibre-optic submarine cable which supports the nation's largest 3G and 4G LTE network.

In addition to the strong presence in the capital, Malé, the company has 9 strategically located operating centers throughout the country that is augmented by the nation's largest retail and distribution network.