

Singtel adds Starlink connectivity to its maritime portfolio of services

Singapore carrier Singtel announced that it will expand its maritime digital offerings with Starlink's satellites with the aim of driving adoption of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), 5G and edge computing, as well as access to cloud-based solutions to improve safety, operational efficiencies and crew well-being. The telco said that its solution will allow ship operators to analyze data in real-time to increase productivity, reduce costs of fuel consumption and improve operational maintenance, among other benefits.

https://www.rcrwireless.com/20240119/5g/singtel-adds-starlink-

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https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cq6e2g19wo4y3zrfr5kw/news/kkr-tim-deal-given-green-light-by-italian-government

AWS to invest \$15bn in cloud computing in Japan

Amazon Web Services (AWS) is planning to invest 2.26 trillion yen (\$15.24 billion) in expanding its cloud computing infrastructure in Japan by 2027.

As part of this investment, the company will seek to expand its data center facilities in Tokyo and Osaka. The cloud giant previously invested 1.51 trillion yen (~\$10.2bn) between 2011 and 2022 in the country. Yearly, this works out at just under \$1bn spent per year. The new announcement will see this increase to more than \$5bn a year for the next three years.

https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/aws-to-invest-15bn-in-cloud-computing-in-japan/

Vodafone UK pitches shared funding model to solve battery dilemma

In December, Ofcom launched a consultation on network resilience, noting the increasing importance of connectivity in our daily lives and subsequently of

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network outages' disruptive impact. Indeed, the consultation seems to be partly inspired by the disruption caused by recent winter storms, as well as the ongoing shut down of the Public Switched Telephone Network (landlines).

As part of the consultation, Ofcom sought industry feedback on the topic of providing backup batteries for mobile sites, ensuring that they can remain operational even when the primary power source fails.

This week, mobile operator Vodafone UK has shared its thoughts on the matter, arguing that providing batteries for each of its over 12,000 sites around the country would be a prohibitively complicated and expensive endeavour. https://totaltele.com/vodafone-uk-pitches-shared-funding-model-to-solve-battery-dilemma/

Mukesh Ambani's Jio Platforms may invest crores in this Sri Lankan telecom company

Mukesh Ambani has plans to expand his horizons in the telecommunications business through his firm Jio Platforms, expressing interest in buying stake in Sri Lanka Telecom PLC, the state-owned telecom company of the neighboring country. The Sri Lankan government has been struggling with the cash-strapped Telecom PLC, as current authorities continue to push for privatisation of many sectors to



revive the economy amid the recent financial crisis. Colombo had invited applications from potential bidders for Sri Lanka Telecom PLC by November 10, and Mukesh Ambani's Jio Platforms was one of three companies that expressed interest in buying the stake of the firm, reported Moneycontrol. https://www.hindustantimes.com/business/mukesh-ambanis-jio-platforms-may-

invest-crores-in-this-sri-lankan-telecom-company-101705304357946.html

Deutsche Telekom and BREKO clash over duct access rights

Back in 2023, following the European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles launched in 2022, the European Union (EU) sought comment on a draft of the Gigabit Infrastructure Act (GIA), legislation aimed at extending gigabit connectivity to all European citizens by 2030.

Draft changes to the GIA suggested by the European Council that same summer were broadly met with approval by the German fibre broadband community, including changes allowing member states to determine that virtual network access can be a viable alternative to physical network access.

However, last week a joint statement by Germany's Federal Association of Broadband Communication (BREKO) and the German Association of Energy and



Water Industries (BDEW) criticised some of these changes, noting that a lack of regulation would lead to unnecessary network overbuild in some areas. https://totaltele.com/deutsche-telekom-and-breko-clash-over-duct-access-rights/

S. Korea Unveils Plan to Build 'Semiconductor Mega Cluster' by 2047

South Korea on Monday unveiled its plan to establish what it calls a "semiconductor mega cluster" in southern Seoul by 2047 by promoting a total investment of 622 trillion won (US\$472 billion) with Samsung Electronics Co. and SK hynix Inc.

The envisioned cluster, which includes various industrial zones throughout southern Gyeonggi Province, will boast a total area of 21 million square meters and post a monthly production capacity of 7.7 million wafers by 2030, according to the joint statement by the industry and science ministries.

In detail, the government plans to establish exclusive zones for the fabless industry in Pangyo, along with foundry and memory chip production facilities in Hwaseong, Yongin, Icheon and Pyeongtaek.

https://www.qna.org.qa/en/News-Area/News/2024-01/15/0029-s-koreaunveils-plan-to-build-%27semiconductor-mega-cluster%27-by-2047



AT&T, Google, and Vodafone invest in satellite firm AST SpaceMobile

Direct-to-cell satellite firm AST SpaceMobile has received investment from AT&T, Google, and Vodafone. The company this week announced a \$155 million strategic investment from the telcos and search giant, along with aggregate new financing of up to \$206.5 million. The company said it also plans to draw up to \$51.5 million from the company's existing senior-secured credit facility. The investment is intended to support the commercial roll-out of AST SpaceMobile's network and is comprised of a mix of equity-linked capital and non-dilutive commercial payments. The investment includes \$110 million of 10-year subordinated convertible notes; \$20 million revenue commitment from AT&T, predicated on the launch and successful initial operation of the first five commercial satellites; and \$25 million minimum revenue commitment from Vodafone, subject to a definitive agreement. https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/att-google-and-vodafone-invest-in-satellite-firm-ast-spacemobile/

Manchester named UK's most digitally inclusive city

In contrast, London didn't even make the top 20 digitally inclusive places in broadband comparison company Bionic's report. The report also revealed that one in five UK adults lack the most basic digital skills needed for everyday life. Added



to that, one in two households in the UK have no internet access at all. The study took into account each location's population and size.

Manchester topped the list, having 193 digital inclusion services for a population of 586,100. Coventry was a distant second, with 61 services for 345,300 people, and Bangor took third place with five services for 31,765 people.

https://www.commsbusiness.co.uk/content/news/manchester-named-uk-s-most-digitally-inclusive-city

Google and AT&T join \$155 million AST SpaceMobile investment

Google and AT&T have joined a \$155 million strategic investment in AST SpaceMobile, which is set to raise double that to help fund its direct-to-smartphone connectivity constellation.

The strategic investment also includes funds from existing shareholder Vodafone, one of Europe's largest telcos with a significant presence across Africa. It comes alongside AST SpaceMobile's plans to draw up to \$51.5 million from an existing debt facility and raise at least \$100 million by selling discounted shares. https://spacenews.com/google-and-att-join-155-million-ast-spacemobile-investment/



MásMóvil and Orange merger to get EU antitrust approval - report

MásMóvil and Orange are set to receive approval from the European Commission for their proposed Spanish merger, reports Reuters.

The publication cites two sources familiar with the matter, with the merger set to consolidate the number of telcos in Spain from four to three.

The deal, which was first agreed in 2022 between France's Orange and Spanish telco MásMóvil, is estimated to be worth €18.7 billion (\$20.3bn).

https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/masmovil-and-orange-merger-gets-eu-antitrust-approval-reports/

Google to pump \$1bn into UK data centre

The data centre will be located on a 33-acre site that Google bought in October 2020 and will help ensure "reliable digital services" to Google Cloud customers and users in the UK. "The Waltham Cross data centre represents our latest investment in the UK and the wider digital economy at large," said Ruth Porat, president, chief investment officer and chief financial officer of Alphabet and Google. "This investment builds upon our Saint Giles and Kings Cross office developments, our multi-year research collaboration agreement with the University of Cambridge, and the Grace Hopper subsea cable that connects the UK with the United States and



Spain.

https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cqh34po6xo5ybnidpfk0/news/google-to-pump-1bn-into-uk-data-centre

Telefónica issues €1.75bn green bond

Telefónica has placed its latest green bond worth €1.75 billion (\$1.91bn).

Split into two tranches, the first is an eight-year €1 billion (\$1.1bn) transaction, which Telefónica notes has received 'significant demand', with more than 85 percent of investors from outside of Spain.

The oversubscription has meant the carrier has increased its initial target of €750 million (\$816m). The final spread improved from 135 base points to 105 base points, with the final coupon set at 3.7 percent.

https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/telefonica-issues-175bn-green-bond/

SPLANG and EllaLink unveil plans for building a direct connection between French Guiana and Continental Europe

SPLANG, part of Collectivité Territoriale de Guyane (CTG) and the associated municipalities of French Guiana, has awarded the establishment of an 8,000 km

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submarine connection to EllaLink, the first high-capacity optic fibre submarine cable directly connecting Latin America to Europe. The contract includes the construction of a new 2,100 km cable extension to the existing EllaLink cable. This new submarine branch will land in Cayenne, French Guiana, and include 2 fibre pairs. The system will be built by Alcatel Submarine Networks and use state-of-the-art optical technologies such as a ROADM WSS branching unit, allowing direct connectivity without regeneration from French Guiana to continental Europe with an RTD latency of less than 80ms. The new infrastructure will also enable direct connections from French Guiana to Fortaleza, Brazil. https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2024/01/18/2811600/0/en/SPLANG-and-EllaLink-unveil-plans-for-building-a-direct-connection-between-French-Guiana-and-Continental-Europe.html

Nokia plans €360 million investment in microelectronics and communications technology in Germany

Nokia plans to invest €360 million in software, hardware and chip design at its

Ulm and Nuremberg sites, the company announced today. Nokia is conducting a

four-year European IPCEI (Important Projects of Common European Interest)



project, which is being funded by Nokia and the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection (BMWK) and the German states of Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria. The project will focus on the integrated development of software, hardware and high-performance systems-on-chips based on a digital twin. These will be used in radio and optical products in future mobile communications systems based on the 5G-Advanced and 6G standards. Nokia is further expanding its extensive experience in chip design and strengthening the European value chain. Another focus area is on the energy efficiency of the systems to support European climate targets under the Green Deal. Nokia is closely cooperating with research institutes and universities to achieve this. https://www.nokia.com/about-us/news/releases/2024/01/17/nokia-planseu360-million-investment-in-microelectronics-and-communications-technology-in-germany/

Google launches central Pacific Connect initiative with two new subsea cables

"We're excited to share more as we continue our work with partners to reduce the digital divide across the Pacific," said Brian Quigley, VP of global network infrastructure, Google Cloud.



Developed in partnership with Amalgamated Telecom Holdings (ATH), APTelecom, and Telstra, Bulikula will connect Guam with Fiji while Halaihai will link Guam and French Polynesia.

"APTelecom has a fundamental objective of increasing the reliability and resilience of digital links in the Pacific," said Eric Handa, CEO of APTelecom.

https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cqc0jpxlnlloc70tei2o/news/google-launches-central-pacific-connect-initiative-with-two-new-subsea-cables

Capgemini and Orange are pleased to announce the launch of commercial activities of Bleu, their future "cloud de confiance" platform

Capgemini and Orange announced today that Bleu, a company they have jointly created, is now engaging with select French public and private organizations to ensure that they are ready for the migration, once the first services start to go live on the platform from the end of 2024. Bleu aims to obtain the SecNumCloud 3.2 qualification in 2025 for its services to offer "cloud de confiance"[1] based on Microsoft technology.

Capgemini and Orange launched Bleu in a strategic partnership with Microsoft, with the aim of meeting the specific cloud needs of the French State, public agencies, hospitals, regional authorities, Vital Importance Operators (OIVs) and



Essential Service Operators (OSEs), enabling them to use Microsoft 365 and Microsoft Azure services. This offering is unique to the French market, based on specific technology developed by Microsoft and will enable clients to accelerate their digital ambitions while harnessing the full power of the Microsoft 365 and Microsoft Azure services.

https://www.capgemini.com/news/press-releases/capgemini-and-orange-are-pleased-to-announce-the-launch-of-commercial-activities-of-bleu-their-future-cloud-de-confiance-platform/

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by TIM and KKR were "fully adequate to guarantee the protection of the strategic interests connected with the assets involved I the transaction".

https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cq6e2g19wo4y3zrfr5kw/news/kkr-tim-deal-given-green-light-by-italian-government

Vodafone and Microsoft sign 10-year strategic partnership to bring generative AI, digital services and the cloud to more than 300 million businesses and consumers

Vodafone and Microsoft Corp. on Tuesday announced a new, far-reaching 10-year strategic partnership that leverages their respective strengths in offering scaled digital platforms to more than 300 million businesses, public sector organizations, and consumers across Europe and Africa. Through the partnership, the companies will collaborate to transform Vodafone's customer experience using Microsoft's generative AI; hyperscale Vodafone's leading managed IoT connectivity platform; develop new digital and financial services for businesses, particularly SMEs across Europe and Africa; and overhaul its global data center cloud strategy.

https://news.microsoft.com/2024/01/15/vodafone-and-microsoft-sign-10-year-strategic-partnership-to-bring-generative-ai-digital-services-and-the-cloud-to-more-than-300-million-businesses-and-consumers/



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BT in talks with Starlink to provide rural coverage

BT has started testing Starlink equipment at its Adastral Park research and development centre in Ipswich. Initially, the technology will be deployed for BT's business customers, focused on providing broadband coverage for mines and oil rigs. It is expected to be rolled out to consumers to plug gaps that traditional cables and masts have been unable to reach.

However, no formal agreement has been made for the provision of Starlink services in Britain and BT may have to seek regulatory approval from Ofcom before it can proceed with any deal.

https://www.commsbusiness.co.uk/content/news/bt-in-talks-with-starlink-to-provide-rural-coverage/

New tech from Aligned reduces the need to build AI data centres

Aligned Data Centers (Aligned) today announced its new liquid cooling technology, DeltaFlow. The patent pending solution is designed to support the high-density compute requirements of next-generation applications and high-performance computing (HPC). And it could have big ramifications as to how data centre capacity is booked for AI. "We've been designing this for a while," Phill Lawson-Shanks, Aligned's chief technology and innovation officer, tells Capacity.



"We do a lot of work with chip manufacturers to understand how they're developing their products, so we can evolve how we design, build and operate these building structures".

https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cq1eo3307wsdv5pq27eo/big-interview/stop-building-ai-data-centres-now

Telstra International extends network capabilities in Latin America Featured

The new PoP will allow worldwide customers (including throughout Latin America) to be integrated into Telstra's connectivity network.

The location of Latin America, which Telstra describes as "strategic," enables Mexican multinational corporations seeking to connect to other regions to plug into the network to reach Asia Pacific and Europe.

In turn, APAC multinationals can now reach Mexico through the same gateway. https://itwire.com/business-telecoms/telstra-international-extends-network-capabilities-in-latin-america.html

UAE, Kazakhstan to invest in data centre and AI projects

The UAE Ministry of Investment has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations, and Aerospace

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Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Sovereign Wealth Fund Samruk-Kazyna in order to make this happen.

Kazakhstan is the largest economy in the Central Asian region and is witnessing substantial growth in its data centre industry driven by increased demand for computing resources, progressive government policies and AI advancements. The country's data centre market is projected to grow at 6.83% CAGR between 2024 and 2028, resulting in a market volume of US\$416.7 million. https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cpv3vs06ehjoa1i4adq8/news/uae-

du said it will be able to provide mobile coverage in areas that were previously out of reach

kazakhstan-to-invest-in-data-centre-and-ai-projects

United Arab Emirates (UAE) operator du has partnered with satellite operator Intelsat, with the aim of expanding cellular connectivity across the Arab country. Through the collaboration with Intelsat, du said that it will be able to provide mobile coverage in areas that were previously out of reach.

Saleem AlBlooshi, CTO at du, said: "du's cellular backhaul solution stands at the forefront of innovation, significantly enhancing the capabilities of mobile coverage in remote areas. Through our partnership with Intelsat, we can leverage the full



capacity of IS-39 satellite, providing coverage to even the most remote areas of the nation. With this advanced technology, end users can enjoy a superior, uninterrupted connection experience, regardless of their location." https://www.rcrwireless.com/20240118/carriers/du-expand-coverage-uae-via-partnership-intelsat

AI-driven data centre automation in the Middle East

Renowned for its towering ambitions and ground-breaking initiatives, this dynamic region stands at the forefront of an emerging era, pioneering the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into data centre operations.

This bold and strategic move is not merely a recognition of the growing AI

revolution, it signifies a strong and wholehearted adoption that is propelling the region to the front of rapid technological innovation.

The Middle East's approach is marked by a blend of tradition and technology, where ancient wisdom intertwines with cutting-edge advancements. This region, a cradle of early civilisations, is now scripting a new chapter in its long history, one that is digitally driven and AI-infused.

https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cqhh3wdcvruoor7c7f28/industry-voices/ai-driven-data-centre-automation-in-the-middle-east



Cirion and Qwilt Partner to Revolutionize Content Delivery Services in Latin America

This new partnership brings better digital experiences across live streaming, video-on-demand, and other forms of media and application delivery to 600+ million Latin American consumers. It makes Cirion one of Latin America's largest low-latency CDN service providers and empowers global content publishers to maintain a top Quality of Experience (QoE) and deliver locally amid rising content demand.

https://www.qwilt.com/videos/cirion-and-qwilt-partner-to-revolutionizecontent-delivery-services-in-latin-america/

GSA welcomes Adrian Scrase to team to support drive to 6G standardisation

The Global mobile Suppliers Association (GSA) today welcomed Adrian Scrase to the organisation to support GSA's working groups and industry advocacy for 6G standardisation. With the first 6G systems expected to be commercially launched by 2030, the early stages of the 6G standardisation process is now underway, with the first 6G specification due in 3GPP Release 21 by 2028.

"WRC-23 saw the global agreement on the ongoing growth of 5G around the world and paving the way for 6G from 2030 onwards. In parallel with this important ITU



work on the spectrum requirements for 6G, we are also seeing the industry working together under the auspices of 3GPP to deliver standards for 6G," said Joe Barrett, President, Global mobile Suppliers Association. "GSA, as the voice of the global mobile ecosystem representing companies engaged in the supply of infrastructure, semiconductors, test equipment, devices, applications and mobile support services, has a central convening and advocacy role to play in this process. On behalf of GSA and our members, I'm delighted to welcome Adrian and the exceptional standardisation experience he brings to the team to help lead this effort."

https://gsacom.com/press-release/adrian-scrase-6g-standardisation/

ZOI and Telecom Egypt to build new digital corridor

Telecom Egypt and Zain Omantel International (ZOI) are partnering to establish a new digital corridor connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf, creating an Eurasian data highway.

"We are excited to collaborate with ZOI on this strategic project; it's a gamechanger in the Eurasia route connectivity landscape," said Mohamed Nasr, managing director and CEO at Telecom Egypt. "As we look for innovative ways to better serve our customers, we will consistently strive to provide a



seamless international connectivity network and increase our diversity layers, without compromising quality, cost or speed. We will do this by leveraging on both Telecom Egypt's established history in the subsea cables arena and its experienced and competent team."

https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cpv34ft49bpk2xubppfk/news/zoi-and-telecom-egypt-to-build-new-digital-corridor

AirTrunk owners consider AU\$12 billion sale plan - report

AirTrunk is reportedly being put up for sale, with its current owners setting a price tag of up to AU\$12 billion (US\$7.9bn) on the Australian data center operator.

The company's backers, which include Macquarie Asset Management (MAM) and PSP Investments, could start formal sale proceedings in a matter of weeks, Bloomberg reported today.

Founded in 2015, Airtrunk operates data centers across the Asia Pacific region, with hyperscale facilities in countries including Australia, Japan, and Singapore. https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/airtrunk-sale-ipo-australia-datacenter/



Octopus Energy invests £200m in waste heat data center business Deep Green

British renewable energy group Octopus Energy has invested £200 million (\$255m) in data center business Deep Green. UK-based Deep Green specializes in siting small data centers near locations that need waste heat. The company last year deployed an immersion-cooled data center to heat a Devon swimming pool. https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/octopus-energy-invests-200m-in-waste-heat-data-center-business-deep-green/

BT to move away from inflation-linked price increases

The company will instead set out price changes in pounds and pence within customer contracts at the point of sale.

BT previously increased prices in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), a measure of inflation, but in December Ofcom proposed a ban on mid-contract price rises that did not provide "sufficient certainty" about the prices people would pay. Writing on BT's blog, Marc Allera, CEO of BT Group's consumer division, said, "Starting in early summer, we will introduce a pricing model consistent with Ofcom's approach, moving away from per cent figures and CPI, and offering instead, a clear and simple view of any changes in pounds and pence. For new and



re-contracting mobile customers, we expect this increase to be from £1.50, and for broadband customers £3."

https://www.commsbusiness.co.uk/content/news/bt-to-move-away-from-inflation-linked-price-increases/

EE 'finalises' first phase of Shared Rural Network; rivals play catch up

The Shared Rural Network (SRN), is a £1 billion UK government initiative in partnership with the UK's four MNOs.

It seeks to close almost all partial "not-spots"; areas where 4G coverage is available from at least one operator, but not all. The SRN also seeks to eliminate all total not-spots, areas where there is no coverage from any MNOs.

The plan should see the UK reach coverage of 95% of its landmass by the end of 2025.

To deliver the first phase of the programme, all operators committed to upgrade or build new mobile infrastructure and extend the reach of their 4G networks to eliminate the partial not-spots.

https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cq658zwzaw2ielzhwetc/news/ee-hits-shared-rural-network-targets-ahead-of-schedule

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Aramco Digital, Intel to set up O-RAN center in Saudi Arabia

Aramco Digital and Intel announced plans to establish what they claim to be Saudi Arabia's first Open RAN (O-RAN) development center.

The partners explained that the collaboration will accelerate the development and implementation of O-RAN technologies, to underscore Saudi Arabia's commitment to establishing robust communications infrastructure that helps to accelerate digital transformation across a number of vertical industries.

The move also seeks to keep pace with Vision 2030, which is a strategy of the Saudi government that focuses on technological progress and economic diversification. https://www.rcrwireless.com/20240115/open_ran/aramco-digital-intel-set-up-oran-center-saudi-arabia

PacketFabric Names Networking Industry Veteran Joe Oligny Chief Commercial Officer

PacketFabric, a leading Network as a Service (NaaS) innovator and a Digital Alpha Advisors, LLC portfolio company, today announced Joe Oligny has been named the company's Chief Commercial Officer. Oligny joined PacketFabric in 2017, directing its sales operations and sales architecture departments, and was most recently Senior Vice President of Customer and Commercial Operations. He will join the



executive team and report directly to Vincent English, Chief Executive Officer at PacketFabric.

"I'm excited for Joe to be elevated into the executive team," said English. "He has decades of industry experience driving growth with innovative and customercentric programs at network service providers and data center operators. But most importantly, he's done it for PacketFabric's customers for years. He's the right person to lead our commercial organization into the next stage of the company's growth journey."

https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/packetfabric-names-networking-industry-veteran-joe-oligny-chief-commercial-officer-302034109.html

Orange rolls out Infinera's GX Series on AMITIE subsea cable

AMITIE offers network operators unique and robust trans-Atlantic connectivity with ultra-low latency spanning 6,800km it connects France, to the UK and the US. Orange selected Infinera's solution based on its optical performance to offer up to 400 GbE services to its customers from the US to France, and across its long-haul terrestrial backhaul network from Boston to New York and Le Porge to Bordeaux in France.



"We are pleased to integrate Infinera's industry-leading technology for the first time on one of our key transatlantic routes and terrestrial backhaul," said Aurélien Vigano, VP of international transmission network at Orange.

https://www.capacitymedia.com/article/2cq15jyidrjy9ke0os4xs/news/orange-rolls-out-infineras-gx-series-on-amitie-subsea-cable



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