The Express Subsea Cable "Coral Bridge" Laying Completed, Connecting Egypt and Jordan

21 August 2025: NaiTel, a licensed telecommunications service provider in Jordan and the telecom arm of Aqaba Digital Hub (ADH), and Telecom Egypt, the total telecom operator in Egypt and one of largest subsea cable operators in the region, announce the completion of the laying of the express subsea cable "Coral Bridge" connecting Egypt and Jordan. Coral Bridge subsea system has successfully landed in Taba, Egypt, then it was laid across the Gulf of Aqaba until it finally successfully landed in Aqaba, Jordan. Coral Bridge is the first direct subsea cable between the two countries in over 25 years, providing an express high-fiber-count digital link across the Gulf of Aqaba, marking a major milestone in the region's digital infrastructure development.

On the Egyptian side, Coral Bridge is the first telecommunication subsea system to land at Telecom Egypt's new cable landing point in Taba—part of the company's broader, recently established international digital infrastructure in Sinai Peninsula. In Jordan, the cable landed at ADH's Tier III carrier-neutral facility in Aqaba, supporting redundancy and recovery strategies for businesses, including enterprises and hyperscalers hosted in the data center.

By leveraging on both countries' strategic locations and Telecom Egypt's extensive subsea ecosystem, Coral Bridge provides seamless onward connectivity across Asia, Africa, and Europe benefiting local, regional, and international businesses. The 15-kilometer cable, equipped with 48 fiber pairs, is designed for transporting over 1 Petabit of data traffic, supporting the growing demand for data intensive digital applications such as cloud computing and artificial intelligence. In addition, its short length significantly reduces latency and lowers data costs.

Coral Bridge is engineered to the highest technical and environmental standards. The cable was developed with sustainability in mind, balancing capacity and performance with environmental responsibility. This collaboration between ADH/NaiTel and Telecom Egypt stands as a strong example of how cross-border partnerships can unlock long-

term value and pave the way for future infrastructure initiatives across the Middle East and beyond.

Eyad Abu Khorma, Founder and CEO of Aqaba Digital Hub (ADH), commented:

"Coral Bridge is more than just a cable—it's a strategic asset for the entire region. It lands at ADH's carrier-neutral facility in Jordan, enhances regional market access, featuring one of MENA's largest data centers. By enabling a direct digital bridge between Aqaba-Jordan and Sinai Peninsula-Egypt, we are strengthening regional resilience and opening new opportunities for high-performance infrastructure and sovereign connectivity."

Mohamed Nasr, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer at Telecom Egypt, commented:

"The strategic proximity between Taba and Aqaba creates a vital opportunity to establish a robust corridor for data connectivity across the Middle East and Europe. Through our collaboration with NaiTel, leveraging their carrier-neutral ecosystem in Aqaba via the Aqaba Digital Hub, the Coral Bridge subsea cable system will aggregate substantial regional traffic and channel it through Egypt's diverse terrestrial routes to the Mediterranean Sea. This critical infrastructure is key to meeting the region's growing data demands, supporting data center expansion, and enhancing the resilience of subsea cable networks in the region."

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About Telecom Egypt

Telecom Egypt is a total telecom services provider in Egypt that provides a wide array of services to a diverse customer base. Serving individuals, communities, SOHOs, SMEs and large enterprises, Telecom Egypt offers a comprehensive, innovative, and diversified portfolio of services, ranging from fixed and mobile voice to essential data solutions crucial in today's digital landscape. These services also include high-speed internet, smart solutions, data center facilities, and cloud computing solutions tailored for businesses.

With a rich heritage of about 170 years, Telecom Egypt continues to lead the Egyptian telecom market by providing cutting-edge technology, robust infrastructure, and an extensive network of subsea cables to meet the needs of its enterprise and consumer clientele. The company's pivotal role in Egypt's telecommunications landscape is underscored by its expansive network coverage, broad service range, and dedication to fostering innovation. Aside from its mobile operation "WE", Telecom Egypt holds a significant 45% ownership stake in Vodafone Egypt. Telecom Egypt's shares and GDRs (Ticker: ETEL.CA; TEEG.LN) are traded on the Egyptian Exchange and the London Stock Exchange.

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About Aqaba Digital Hub (ADH):

Aqaba Digital Hub is Jordan's first and only carrier-neutral, Tier III certified digital infrastructure ecosystem. Strategically located in Aqaba, ADH provides unmatched geographic resilience, regional reach, and secure hosting for mission-critical operations. Its AI-ready facility is built with a 12MW capacity to support hyperscale workloads, and includes an open-access cable landing station hosting multiple subsea systems. Through its telecom arm, NaiTel, ADH delivers carrier-neutral access to diverse international gateways, regional low-latency routes, and a nationwide fiber network interconnecting

key cities and borders. ADH integrates subsea capacity directly into its platforms – including Jordan's first public cloud, a national SASE solution, a regional Security Operations Center (SOC), and AqabaIX® Internet Exchange Point – enabling faster, more resilient regional and international routes for cloud, AI, and content delivery services.

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