



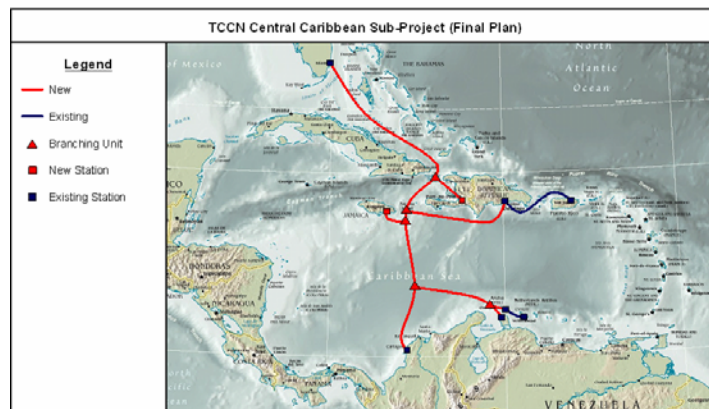
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### Haiti License Awarded to TCCN Consortium

Trans-Caribbean Cable Company (TCCC) is pleased to announce that the Prime Minister of Haiti, Mr. Gerard Latortue, has approved the licensing and installation of the undersea cable to be owned and operated by the Trans-Caribbean Cable Network (TCCN) consortium. The Prime Minister's approval was provided to the Minister of Works, Transportations and Communications (TPTC), Mr. Fritz Adrien.

“On behalf of Access Haiti, Alpha Communications, Comcel, Datasys, Digicel, Focus Data, Haicom, Hainet, Haitel, Haiti Data Networks, Multilink, Fondation Intermonde, Teleco de' Haiti, and the other 48 members of the TCCN consortium, I would like to thank Prime Minister Latortue and Minister Adrien for granting this important permission to TCCN”, stated Mr. Crawford, the President of TCCC, the carrier-neutral management entity that serves as the coordinator of TCCN. Mr. Crawford also commended Focus Data and the Haitian consortium for their efforts in achieving this milestone. “Focus Data has worked diligently on the TCCN project together with the Haitian consortium. They clearly recognize the value of cooperation and have shown a strong desire to seize this opportunity for ownership of their own connectivity from Port-Au-Prince directly to Miami”, continued Mr. Crawford.

The first phase of TCCN involves the construction of new undersea fiber optic cable segments between Miami, Haiti, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Aruba, Venezuela, and Colombia. Additional connectivity to Puerto Rico and Curacao will be included in the first phase by the use of existing consortium cables, including ANTILLAS-1 and ALONSO DE OJEDA. The first phase configuration is shown below:



The TCCN project is based upon an open investment model that TCCC has named as the “Virtual Consortium™ Model” (VCM). Unlike private or ‘club’ cables, this model encourages the participation of all interested players and insures nondiscriminatory access to the network where required with the involvement of TCCC as a carrier-neutral management entity. Ultimately, the network itself will be owned by the TCCN consortium and not by one private entity, in a similar way that multiple homeowners own their homes in a large real estate development. This open consortium model provides each owner with the ability to use, lease, or resell its portion of the network according to its own desires.

TCCC is the organization managing the creation of TCCN. The management team of TCCC has more than 100 years of combined experience in submarine cable planning, construction, operations and maintenance.

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