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HIBERNIA ATLANTIC ON TRACK TO COMPLETE PROJECT KELVIN CABLE BUILD FOR ISLAND OF IRELAND

THIS NEW CABLE TO PROVIDE ENHANCED CAPACITY AND POTENTIAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

SUMMIT, NJ & DUBLIN, IRELAND- November 3, 2009- [Hibernia Atlantic](#), the only diverse transAtlantic submarine transport cable provider, today announces its on track to complete a multi-million euro cable build project, known as Project Kelvin, providing the island of Ireland with its first direct 40Gbps network. The network is designed to provide capacity and redundancy for future business opportunities, both globally and locally.

Beginning this year, the Project Kelvin build included both an [undersea cable linking Hibernia Atlantic's most northern TransAtlantic route directly to Ireland as well as a terrestrial cable linking 13 Irish towns](#). In June, the company announced the landing of the underwater cable at Portrush, which links the island of Ireland with North America and Europe. Currently, the company is building the terrestrial route, and as of this month, is simultaneously linking Letterkenny, Drogheda, Castleblaney and Monaghan. When completed, there will be an extra route out of Dublin and an additional cable coming into and out of Ireland for exceptional capacity and back-up support.

Once the build is completed in March 2010, businesses operating into and within Ireland will be able to avail of direct, low latency connectivity to Canada, USA and mainland Europe at competitive pricing. Already financial exchanges, content delivery networks and global media organizations are considering Ireland for network deployments, to ensure enhanced network capacity at affordable rates.

“According to recent figures, American companies have already invested 100 million euros in the island of Ireland this year alone,” states Fergus Innes, Vice President of Sales, EMEA. “We are confident that on completion of Project Kelvin, the quality and capacity of available bandwidth will act as a further inducement for financials, broadcasters, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and other large bandwidth consuming companies who need a diverse physical connection across the Atlantic for their secure communications networks to either continue to invest in Ireland or create a new presence on the Island.”

Project Kelvin is a joint initiative between the Republic of Ireland's [Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources \(DCENR\)](#) and Northern Ireland's [Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment \(DETI\)](#) and is co-funded through the [EU INTERREG IVA programme](#). This cable will connect with Hibernia Atlantic's terrestrial fibre optic ring currently being deployed to 13 towns and cities, including Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Coleraine, Londonderry/Derry, Omagh, Portadown, Strabane, Letterkenny, Castleblaney, Dundalk, Drogheda and Monaghan. The Project's overall objective is to further attract business to Ireland, provide the country with resiliency and offer further economic stimulus.

For a map of the Project Kelvin build, please visit
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About Hibernia Atlantic:

Hibernia Atlantic is the largest, privately held, diverse TransAtlantic submarine cable transport provider. Hibernia is a US, wholly-owned subsidiary of Columbia Ventures Corporation (CVC). It is a TransAtlantic submarine cable and terrestrial cable network that offers over (75) redundant network Points of Presence (PoPs) throughout Canada, US, UK and mainland Europe on over 24,000 kilometers of network. Hibernia provides secure and diverse dedicated Ethernet and optical-level service up to GigE, 10G and LanPhy wavelengths and traditional SONET/SDH services. In addition, Hibernia offers wholesale capacity prices, unparalleled support, flexibility and service. For more information on Hibernia Atlantic's cutting-edge network or to view their corporate video, please visit www.hiberniaatlantic.com.

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To view Hibernia's corporate overview video, please click here:
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