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New Caledonia to connect Hawaiki cable

Tomoo cable to become second international link for New Caledonia

Direct connection to the US, Australia and New Zealand

Major boost to digital economy securing New Caledonia's data traffic and lower pricing

Vao, New Caledonia - November 28, 2019 - [SCCI](#), a carrier recently incorporated in New Caledonia, and [Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP](#) have signed a multi-million dollar contract to provide SCCI with a turn-key solution to connect New Caledonia to Hawaiki, including a subsea branch to the capital city of Noumea and significant capacity on the transpacific cable.

The deal is expected to fast-track the digital transformation of New Caledonia, providing unprecedented speeds and connecting the country directly to the US, Australia and New Zealand at much more competitive pricing.

The new cable benefits from a customized network design, including connection of both New Caledonia's Main Island and Isle of Pines.

Launched during a traditional tribal ceremony attended by the custom chiefs of Isle of Pines' eight tribes, government and business officials, the new cable has been named 'Tomoo', the local nââ kwênnyii word for the "tricot rayé" indigenous sea snake, a source of protection according to tribal legends.

"This project is critical not only for the development of the Isle of Pines, but for the whole territory of New Caledonia," said Isle of Pines' High Chief Hilarion Vendégou.

"All the tribes of the island have come together to support the Tomoo cable, which will bring broadband connectivity to our population."

Praised for its carrier-neutrality, the connection of the Hawaiki cable to New Caledonia also heralds a new era for the nation, which currently has only one submarine cable connection operated by the incumbent government-owned carrier.

Steffen Holzt, Managing Director of SCCI said there was strong recognition of Tomoo's importance to New Caledonia at the highest levels.

"We have received very supportive comments from the Government and the business community, and look forward to helping accelerate the digital development of New Caledonia."



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The Hawaiki cable system is the fastest and largest capacity link between Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and mainland United States with a design capacity of 67 Tbps.

Launched in July 2018, it recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of its connection to American Samoa. In that short time, the US territory has reported a 10-times increase in internet speeds and an exponential increase in business and residential connections.

“Thanks to SCCI and the Tomoo cable, New Caledonia will be able to enjoy the multiple benefits of Hawaiki’s international connectivity and boost the development of its digital economy, both locally and in the Pacific region,” said Hawaiki chief sales officer, Virginie Frouin.

Tomoo is scheduled for completion by 2021.

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About Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP

Hawaiki Submarine Cable LP, headquartered in Auckland, New Zealand, owns and operates the Hawaiki submarine cable system (Hawaiki). Hawaiki is the first and only carrier-neutral submarine cable linking Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and Oregon, on the U.S. west coast. For more information, visit www.hawaikicable.co.nz or connect with Hawaiki on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About SCCI

The Société Calédonienne de Connectivité Internationale (SCCI) is registered and headquartered in Noumea, New Caledonia. SCCI has been created to develop, fund and operate Tomoo, New Caledonia’s new international submarine cable system. In partnership with Hawaiki, Tomoo will link New Caledonia directly to the USA, Australia and New Zealand. For more information, visit www.scci.nc

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