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ABOUT Qnbn

Qatar National Broadband Network Company (Qnbn) is a shareholding company wholly owned by the government, with a mandate to enable accessible high-speed communications with the right cutting edge technology platform across Qatar. Through its visionary and collaborative approach to the market, Qnbn will help to empower the nation with broadband fiber access to citizens and businesses alike in line with the Qatar ICT Strategy 2015.

Qnbn aims to maximum nationwide coverage as it serves the wider digitization agenda of the country. The next generation fiber optics network which is the alternative to copper will become exponentially faster, bringing community and enterprise benefits of enhanced delivery of services, cost savings, increased competitiveness and improved sustainability.

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PRESS RELEASE

Qnbn extends fiber optic reach to 30,000 more users on 'Gimme Fiber Day'

Doha, Qatar (4 November 2013): Qatar National Broadband Network (Qnbn) has reached a milestone in its mission to bring high speed fiber optic broadband infrastructure to the country with the opening of two state-of-the-art Central Offices which will improve the digital connectivity of 30,000 residences and businesses in the West Bay district. The announcement coincides with 'Gimme Fiber Day', an annual international event held on November 4th to promote the use and development of fiber optics in telecommunications networks.

The Central Offices are a major boost to the fiber optic infrastructure made available to Qatar's Service Providers. By providing a local-loop for more effective optical transfer of data, known as a 'backhaul facility', the central offices enable faster data transmission and efficiency in service continuity.

As part of Qnbn's government mandate to improve ICT capabilities and user choice, the company deploys a Next Generation high speed fiber optic infrastructure Network in an open-access model which enables service providers to co-locate and operate their network equipment within Qnbn's Central Offices, utilizing services available in the facility.

Ahmed Al-Sulaiti, Qnbn's Chief Technology Officer, commented, "We are making Qatar's fiber optic future a reality with the opening of these two Central Offices which are the backbone of a knowledge

economy and act as catalysts to connectivity: it is a win-win scenario which means service providers have open access to new fiber optic infrastructure; customers have more choice in selecting operators to provide faster, next generation internet services; and businesses benefit from an enhanced broadband network which fuels economic growth via superior connectivity.

“Today (November 4) is of special significance as global fiber companies and policymakers unite to celebrate the positive impact the technology has on communities and their work to accelerate its deployment and adoption,” he added.

Qnbn’s Central Offices are connected through several routes allowing the service providers to efficiently complete their network through the fiber links offered by Qnbn. Work is underway to complete a number of Central Offices all over the country within the network roll-out plan.

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