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Digital Sovereignty: Guinea Seals Its Alliance with MEDUSA Submarine Cable System for a Second Submarine Cable

Conakry, 6th of May 2026—On Wednesday, at the Hôtel Riviera Royal in Conakry, the Republic of Guinea and MEDUSA Submarine Cable System officially signed the Construction and Maintenance Agreement (C&MA), marking a key milestone for the landing of the MEDUSA AFRICA submarine cable in Conakry. The ceremony was presided over by Mr. Amadou Oury BAH, Prime Minister and Head of Government, in the presence of the Minister of Communication, Digital Economy and Innovation, Mr. Mourana SOUMAH, members of the Government, as well as representatives of MEDUSA Submarine Cable System and key stakeholders of Guinea's digital ecosystem.

This landmark agreement was formalized by Mr. Ahmed Karifa DIAWARA, Chief Executive Officer of GUILAB SA, and Mr. Damien BERTRAND, Chief Operating Officer of MEDUSA Submarine Cable System. It immediately triggers the launch of marine surveys and the operational preparation for the cable landing in Conakry. As the landing party, GUILAB SA will oversee the management, operation and maintenance of the infrastructure on Guinean territory for a period of 25 years, ensuring the long-term sustainability of this strategic investment for Guinea.

For the Republic of Guinea, this signing represents a concrete and decisive step forward: a second submarine cable that diversifies international connectivity routes, reduces dependence on a single infrastructure, and creates the conditions for a more stable and more efficient Internet for citizens, businesses and institutions.

The MEDUSA system, backed by the AFR-IX Telecom group, interconnects Southern Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and West Africa through the Mediterranean. It will deliver high-capacity -transmission,

enhanced network redundancy, and lower latency, supporting the rapidly growing demand for digital services in Guinea and across the sub-region.

This signing is part of the implementation of the Simandou 2040 vision championed by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Mamadi DOUMBOUYA, who has made the strengthening of critical digital infrastructure a national priority. Through this commitment, Guinea asserts its ambition to establish itself as a strategic digital hub in West Africa and sends a strong signal of credibility to all its economic and financial partners.

"*By equipping Guinea with a second submarine cable, we are making a strategic choice. We choose to secure our connectivity, strengthen our resilience, and above all, create the conditions for the rise of our digital economy ", declared Mr. Mourana SOUMAH, Minister of Communication, Digital Economy and Innovation.*

"With the Medusa Submarine Cable System continuing to expand, we are bringing enhanced intercontinental connectivity deeper into West Africa. This extension strengthens the link between the Atlantic and Mediterranean corridors, helping to address growing capacity demands while improving network diversity and resilience. Our agreement with GUILAB marks an important milestone in delivering high-capacity, reliable international connectivity to Guinea", added Mr Bertrand, COO of Medusa.

About MCENI — The Ministry of Communication, Digital Economy and Innovation is the government department responsible for defining and implementing national policy in the fields of telecommunications, digital economy and technological innovation in the Republic of Guinea. It leads the country's major strategic digital infrastructure projects and exercises oversight over the sector's public institutions.

About GUILAB SA — La Guinéenne de Large Bande is the international telecommunications infrastructure operator specializing in the management of international connectivity capacities. A majority state-owned company under the supervision of the MCENI, GUILAB SA negotiates and manages international submarine cable access agreements on behalf of the Republic of Guinea, ensuring competitive access to global telecommunications infrastructure for operators.

About MEDUSA Submarine Cable System — MEDUSA Submarine Cable System is a neutral and independent submarine infrastructure operator, owned by AFR-IX Telecom, a group specializing in connectivity with a presence in more than 50 countries across Africa. Designed on the principle of open access, MEDUSA offers high-capacity, reliable and scalable connectivity services to telecom operators, Internet service providers and institutions. The project benefits from the support of the European Union, reinforcing its solidity and credibility at the international level, as well as funding from the U.S. Trade and

Development Agency for a feasibility study aimed at extending the MEDUSA submarine cable system to the Atlantic coast of Africa.

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