



Expression of Interest for Buying the Black Sea Fiber Optic Cable System (BSFOCS)

The BSFOCS System

The BSFOCS is jointly owned and operated by Armentel, BTC, CYTA, OTEGLOBE, Rostelecom, Ukrtelecom and other minority investor parties. Since its commercial operation in September 2001, the BSFOCS is providing high-quality local connectivity in the Black Sea region, as well as extended connectivity with global and regional networks and other cable systems beyond the Black Sea region. More information is available in the BSFOCS website at <http://www.bsfocs.com>.

Parties Intention to Sell

The BSFOCS parties in their recent General Committee meeting on 3rd of April 2008 have decided to investigate the possibility to sell the system. OTEGLOBE and BTC were appointed to conduct initial negotiations with interested buyers on behalf of the parties. **Such interested buyers should express their non-binding interest in negotiating to buy BSFOCS by 20th May 2008.** Initial negotiations with potential buyers expressing their interest by 20th May 2008 are expected to conclude by 30th June 2008.

System Description

The system was provided by ASN and Tyco and connects Varna (Bulgaria), Odessa (Ukraine) and Novorossiysk (Russia). The BSFOCS architecture is based on well-established technologies of submarine cables, repeaters, WDM and SDH transmission terminal equipment.

This 1300-km system is designed with two fibre pairs operating at 2,5 Gb/s in an SDH ring mode. The submersible portion includes one Full Fibre Branching Unit and is designed for the system to be upgradeable in the future via WDM with up to four wavelengths. More information is available in the BSFOCS website at <http://www.bsfocs.com/cable-description-specification.php>.

System Current Situation

In the December 2007 the system has suffered a cable cut on the branch segment from the Branching Unit towards Odessa. During the repair operation it was realised that a portion of around 70Km of the submarine cable has to be replaced since the original cable was not possible to be recovered. Since then this segment remains disconnected. The parties have already obtained quotes from the suppliers to repair the system.

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