

Interoute and Bezeq International create a new Internet super highway between Europe and Israel

"JONAH" new 2,300 km submarine cable is capable of carrying over 7 Terabit/s of data

London, 24 January 2012 – Bezeq International, Israel's leading Internet and international telecoms provider, has selected Interoute Communications Ltd, owner and operator of Europe's largest cloud services platform, to expand its physical network right into the heart of Europe. "JONAH"- the 2,300km submarine cable - will connect Israel to Europe using Interoute's pan-European fibre optic network from the Interoute landing station in Bari, Italy.

This strategic project gives Israel true telecommunication independence, thanks to this new Bezeq International owned cable "JONAH". Interoute's landing station in Bari, Italy was chosen because it gave the ability to directly interconnect with Interoute's network, and opens up possible business opportunities with the major operators already connected to Interoute's network looking to reach Israel and the rest of the Middle East directly. "JONAH", Bezeq International's advanced cable is equipped with two optical fibre pairs, which gives it a potential capacity of over 7 Terabit/s. This newly available capacity will improve the Internet infrastructure in Israel and help eliminate the bottleneck in connections abroad.

Isaac Benbenisti, Bezeq International's CEO has commented: "Our cooperation with Interoute enables us to take a significant step in the development of our international infrastructure to better serve Israeli as well as global customers. Interoute's network offers us flexible access to an extensive pan-European footprint, empowering our ability to deliver the best performance and set new standards of Internet service in Israel and the region."

Gareth Williams, Interoute's CEO has commented: "This new submarine cable brings digital Europe and Israel closer together. We are extremely proud to be a part of this new 'Internet super highway', which will play an active role in the development of business in the Middle East and North Africa. This project highlights Interoute's expertise in developing and managing networks for partner businesses. Through this agreement Bezeq International has access to the massive size and scale of Interoute's advanced fibre optic network, creating a virtual pan European network for Bezeq and its customers that's available instantly".

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About Bezeq International

Bezeq International Ltd., Israel's leading Internet and International Telecommunications provider, was founded in 1996 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bezeq, the Israeli Telecom Corp. and is part of the country's largest and leading telecom group. Bezeq International provides comprehensive communication solutions in Internet, International Domestic and Organizational Telephony, IT, Hosting, Data Communication and Information Security Solutions Visit Bezeq International on the Internet: <http://www.bezeqint.net/>

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About Interoute

[Interoute Communications Ltd](#) is the owner operator of Europe's largest cloud services platform, which encompasses over 60,000 km of lit fibre, 8 hosting data centres and 32 collocation centres, with connections to 140 additional third-party data centres across Europe. Its full-service Unified ICT platform serves international enterprises, as well as every major European telecommunications incumbent and the major operators of North America, East and South Asia, governments and universities. These organisations find Interoute the ideal partner for computing, connectivity and communications and developing new services. Its Unified ICT strategy has proved attractive to enterprises looking for a scalable, secure and unconstrained platform on which they can build their voice, video, computing and data services, as well as service providers in need of high capacity international data transit and infrastructure. With established operations throughout mainland Europe, North America and Dubai, Interoute also owns and operates dense city networks throughout Europe's major business centres. www.interoute.com

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