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NBN Co awards passive optical contract to TE Connectivity

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NBN Co has selected TE Connectivity (formerly Tyco Electronics) to supply network connectivity products for its high-speed broadband rollout with a contract worth approximately \$400 million over five years. The initial purchase commitment is for \$100 million.

TE Connectivity will supply patch cords, feeder cables, drop cables, splice closures, multi-port terminals and other components needed to build the national broadband network (NBN).

The equipment will be used in NBN Co's Second Release sites and subsequent national rollout. The contract win follows TE Connectivity's and ADC's successful supply of passive optical equipment in the First Release sites, currently well under construction. TE acquired ADC in December 2010.

NBN Co's Head of Corporate Services, Kevin Brown said: "This is the final of four passive optical network equipment contracts that now completes the suite of components we need for the NBN fibre construction rollout. We are pleased to have been able to attract a range of suppliers committed to working with us to meet our needs and timeframes."

TE Connectivity is a global \$12.1 billion company that designs and manufactures over 500,000 products that connect and protect the flow of power and data inside products that consumers and industries use every day. Operating in 150 countries, including Australia, TE Connectivity has offices in Sydney and Melbourne, and two factories in Berkeley Vale on the NSW Central Coast.

"We are excited to have been selected by NBN Co as a key partner and supplier of optical fibre components for NBN Co's national fibre-to-the-home rollout," said TE Connectivity's Chief Executive Officer Tom Lynch. "We are committed to providing NBN Co with great products and service, and are increasing our investment in Australia to support this project."

NBN Co is currently rolling out its network in Tasmania and five mainland first release sites, and has named a further 19 second release sites for the next round of construction.

Further information about NBN Co, its objectives and recent announcement is at www.nbnco.com.au

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ABOUT TE CONNECTIVITY

TE Connectivity is a global, \$12.1 billion company that designs and manufactures over 500,000 products that connect and protect the flow of power and data inside the products that touch every aspect of everyday lives. Its nearly 100,000 employees partner with customers in virtually every industry—from consumer electronics, energy and healthcare, to automotive, aerospace and communication networks—

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ABOUT NBN Co

NBN Co is an Australian government-owned business enterprise formed in mid-2009 to design, build and operate the NBN. The NBN will enable high-speed broadband to be delivered to all Australian households and businesses through a combination of fibre to the premise, wireless and satellite. NBN Co is operating a wholesale-only, open-access network, and making its wholesale services available to retail service providers on non-discriminatory terms. The total projected capital cost of the 9.5-year construction project is AUD\$36 billion.