



## Global Crossing Awards European Network Maintenance Contract to Alcatel

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**Geneva, Switzerland** - Global Crossing, which is building and operating the world's first and most advanced global IP-based data-centric network, today announced it has contracted with Alcatel for the maintenance of its new, state-of-the-art Pan European network. Covering over 11,000 route kilometers (7,000 route miles), Global Crossing's Pan European Crossing (PEC) will provide ultra-high network capacity to 24 major European cities, linking them directly with the rest of Global Crossing's worldwide system.

Alcatel will handle repair and maintenance at Global Crossing's 25 points of presence and traffic nodes in Europe, as well as along the cable routes, with a dedicated team of highly-skilled professionals. This maintenance contract, coupled with Global Crossing's direct operation of the network, will enable Global Crossing to offer shorter circuit provisioning times and faster repairs.

"Alcatel's proven expertise in network maintenance will allow us to reach the highest levels of performance and reliability as we continue to build out and operate our advanced European network," said Bob Annunziata, CEO of Global Crossing. "Also, their extensive presence throughout the continent complements our aggressive systems roll-out and will allow them to play an important role in our future growth."

"We are very pleased to be part of Global Crossing's drive into Europe," said Christian Tournier, president of Alcatel Network Services. "We look forward to a long standing relationship with them as they continue their ambitious global expansion."

### **ABOUT GLOBAL CROSSING**

Global Crossing is building the world's first truly global fiber network. The Global Crossing Network and its product offerings will be available on five continents and address 80 percent of the world's international communications traffic. Global Crossing also possesses the largest fleet of cable laying and maintenance vessels in the world and currently services more than a third of the world's undersea cable miles. Global Crossing has been chosen to be included among the world's leading public corporations in both the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ 100. Global Crossing's operations are headquartered in Hamilton, Bermuda, with executive offices in Los Angeles, California and Morristown, New Jersey. For more information, visit [www.globalcrossing.com](http://www.globalcrossing.com) on the World Wide Web.

### **ABOUT ALCATEL**

Alcatel builds next generation networks, delivering integrated end-to-end voice and data solutions to established and new carriers, as well as enterprises and consumers worldwide. With more than 120,000 employees and sales of EURO 21.3 billion (\$25 billion), Alcatel operates in more than 130 countries. For more information, please visit us at [www.alcatel.com](http://www.alcatel.com). Alcatel provides a full range of support services for carriers and ISPs and, through its Network Services portfolio, its offer includes turnkey network construction from engineering to commissioning and support from maintenance and technical operations to facility management. Alcatel acts as a partner for solutions throughout all the phases of a carrier's business life cycle: network design, network implementation, network integration and commissioning, network care, service creation, billing care and customer care.

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