



Pacific Crossing Rolls Out Gigabit Ethernet to Support Surging Broadband Growth

New Gigabit Ethernet service to address growing demand for scalable, cost efficient bandwidth subscriptions between Asia and the U.S.

San Francisco; TOKYO, Japan: 15 January 2009 – As millions of Internet users log on to access increasingly bandwidth-hungry applications such as high-definition video, Pacific Crossing, the operator of the lowest latency network across the Pacific, PC-1, has brought Gigabit Ethernet access support for carrier and ISP customers looking for scalable, flexible connectivity options between Asia and North America.

“Expansion of wholesale Ethernet services is vital to support the increasing capacity demands of Internet backbone operators, content providers and enterprises. TeleGeography expects demand for trans-Pacific Ethernet services to increase nearly eight-fold between 2008 and 2014,” said Alan Mauldin, Research Director at TeleGeography.

Pacific Crossing’s new service allows customers to access the PC-1 network using a standard Gigabit Ethernet interface at the company’s four Points-of-Presence in the U.S. and cable landing stations in both the U.S. and Japan. For customers in Japan, Pacific Crossing also has the ability to offer access directly to a customer’s premises through a domestic partner network.

“With the proliferation of high speed Internet access and multimedia applications driving the demand for robust connectivity solutions on both sides of the Pacific, the new Gigabit Ethernet service allows customers to access our network through an industry standard interface that they can scale up incrementally as their demand increases,” said John Garrett, Global Head of Sales at Pacific Crossing. “The addition of Gigabit Ethernet support across our network is a key part of our strategy to match the evolving requirements of our customers.”

Pacific Crossing’s Gigabit Ethernet service offers a standard Gigabit level port for customers and flexible bandwidth subscription options in increments of 155Mbps (STM-1). Customers may scale up their bandwidth subscriptions quickly and seamlessly during their contract period. Additional subscription options to cater for seasonal or event-specific demand are available on a case-by-case basis.

“Delivered on top of our state-of-the-art infrastructure offering the lowest latency across the Pacific, the new Gigabit Ethernet service will enjoy full protection against potential cable faults from our underlying SDH ring architecture,” said Seth Davis, Pacific Crossing CTO. “Customer traffic is automatically restored on an alternate fiber along the same path, or routed in the opposite direction on the fiber ring to ensure network integrity at all times.”

About Pacific Crossing Limited

Pacific Crossing owns and operates the trans-Pacific, subsea fibre-optic network ring, PC1, connecting the U.S. and Japan. The 21,000km PC-1 submarine cable system offers the highest reliability and the lowest latency across the Pacific. Supported by extensive backhaul into major U.S. and Japanese cities, Pacific Crossing’s infrastructure offers seamless interconnection to virtually every major international network operator for onward global access. The company delivers state-of-the-art capacity and managed network services at competitive prices to a growing customer base of carriers and media and information transport-intensive enterprise customers. The company is registered in Hamilton, Bermuda, with principal offices in San Francisco and Dallas in the U.S., and Tokyo, Japan. For more information, please visit: www.pc1.com

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