



PRESS RELEASE

East Malaysia Satellite Gateway bridges digital divide in rural Sarawak communities with high speed broadband access

Kuching, 21 April 2022 - Reach Ten Communication Sdn Bhd ("Reach10") officially announced its partnership with MEASAT on the new MEASAT-3d High Throughput Satellite ("HTS") East Malaysia Gateway today, in a ground-breaking ceremony held at the Samajaya Free Industrial Zone here, officiated by YB Datuk Hj Julaihi Hj Narawi, Minister for Utility and Telecommunications Sarawak.

The project, which marks the latest collaboration between Reach10 and MEASAT will be supported by MEASAT-3d, MEASAT's eighth satellite in orbit, scheduled to be launched in June 2022. When operational, MEASAT-3d will enable cost-effective high-speed broadband in areas without any terrestrial network nationwide, with speeds of up to 100Mbps.

In Samajaya, the installation of a new nine metre antenna at the teleport will enable access to approximately 13Gbps of satellite capacity for Sarawak (which is the largest broadband capacity over Sarawak from a single satellite) to power connectivity for over 3,000 additional rural sites in the state. The East Malaysia Gateway also represents critical infrastructure that will support the goals laid out in the Sarawak Post Covid-19 Development Strategy 2030 ("PCDS 2030")¹. Through PCDS 2030, Sarawak is planning to double its economy in a decade, from RM136 billion in 2019 to RM282 billion in 2030, with average economic growth of 8.0% per annum until 2030.

Leo Chin, Chief Executive Officer, Reach Ten Communication Sdn Bhd added, "With MEASAT-3d scheduled to be launched in June 2022, this HTS broadband gateway is perfectly timed to benefit from its greater capacity, with Reach10 being one of the anchor customers on MEASAT-3d. Construction of the gateway is currently ongoing and is targeted to be operational by June 2022. We are proud to play a part in supporting the Sarawak Government's efforts and initiatives to close the digital divide between urban and rural communities. With this upcoming gateway, local satellite service providers can immediately deploy services without additional capital outlay or delay in lead-time due to infrastructure set-up."

In line with the amount of HTS capacity to be activated on the satellite, the East Malaysia Gateway has been designed to provide both additional capacity and on-ground redundancy to the overall satellite infrastructure of MEASAT-3d.

"We are pleased to expand our collaboration with Reach10 to support the satellite broadband needs of Sarawakians. The launch of MEASAT-3d will significantly increase our HTS capacity, enabling us to create a digitally inclusive society and support high-bandwidth applications such as IR4.0, the Internet of Things (IoT), cellular backhaul, telemedicine, on-line learning applications and more, which in the longer term promises to improve quality of life for all Malaysians, including those living in the most remote areas of the country," said Yau Chyong Lim, Chief Operating Officer of MEASAT.

¹ Economic Planning Unit Sarawak, Sarawak Post Covid-19 Development Strategy 2030
https://sarawak.gov.my/media/attachments/PCDS_Compressed_22_July_2021.pdf

About REACH10

Reach10 is licensed under the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 as a Network Facilities Provider, Network Service Provider and Application Service Provider to offer a full suite of connectivity solutions that include VSAT Services, Fixed Link Services and Managed Facility Services & Solutions for Telcos, Corporate, SME and Enterprises in Malaysia.

Reach10 is a tier-one VSAT provider from Sarawak and has been serving the private and government sectors for over 10 years. Reach10 has established a wide network of service centers throughout Sarawak and also in Sabah and Peninsula Malaysia. Reach10 has built one of the most advanced Satellite Hub & Teleport at Kuching, Sarawak. The Network Operation Centre (NOC) located at Samajaya, Kuching is providing 24/7 supporting services to clients throughout Malaysia. Reach10 also has several Satellite hubs located at Cyberjaya. For more information, please visit www.reach10.com

About MEASAT

MEASAT is a premium supplier of communication and video services to leading broadcasters, Direct-To-Home (DTH) platforms and telecom operators, with a footprint covering 130 countries representing 80% of the world's population across Asia, Africa, Europe and Australia.

MEASAT is recognised as the key Rural Broadband Service Provider in Malaysia, through its CONNECTme NOW satellite broadband service – a high-speed WiFi Hotspot service best suited for public use in the underserved or unserved areas in Malaysia. CONNECTme NOW enables users to access the internet by purchasing competitively priced Prepaid Access Codes (PAC) in small packages that meet their needs, improving affordability by removing long contracts and high upfront fees.

Soon, the MEASAT fleet will be further strengthened with the addition of MEASAT-3d at 91.5°E in 2022 which will support cost-effective high-speed broadband with up to 100 Mbps speeds in areas without any terrestrial network throughout Malaysia; increase video distribution capacity across the Asia Pacific region; and provide unrivalled in-orbit satellite redundancy for the region. For more information, please visit www.measat.com / connectmenow.my/

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