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## Tuvalu Telecommunications Corporation selects ABS To Deliver High-speed Internet

Washington DC, 29 April 2015— ABS and Tuvalu Telecommunications Corporation (TTC) announced that they have signed a 5 year contract on ABS-6. The capacity agreement will provide high speed internet connectivity to support TTC's growing infrastructure.

Under the multi-year contract, TTC will use the C-band A beam capacity on ABS-6 to increase the volume of traffic to the Tuvalu islands offering high speed internet to support schools, banks, hospitals and IP backhaul for its mobile network.

TTC is a state-owned enterprise of <u>Tuvalu</u>, which is the sole telecommunications provider to its islands (6 atolls and 3 reef islands). It provides mainly satellite based services for communications and broadband connectivity between atolls and with the rest of the world.

"As a key strategic partner, ABS is proud to offer an effective solution to support TTC with reliable communications connectivity," said Tom Choi, CEO of ABS. "In March 2015, Tuvalu experienced the impact of Cyclone Pam when it passed through the region and disrupted communications for days. This service will offer critical communications to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is readily available to support the needs of Tuvalu."

"We are happy to work with ABS on our high speed satellite internet connection. The need for communications is very important to our economy and our people. We are endeavored to ensure that all the Island's communications needs are constantly available as this is especially vital in emergency situations like cyclones and disasters. This connectivity on ABS 6 will boost our Internet bandwidth capability," commented Anisi Panitusi COO of TTC.

## **About ABS:**

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ABS-2A, the second of the pair of 702SP satellites procured from Boeing, is planned to launch in late 2015. ABS plans to add more satellites in the next 2-3 years to its growing fleet.

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