SLT receives license to commence NBN operations

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The license presented to Lalith De Silva, Group CEO – SLT by Anusha Palipita, Director General – Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)

Sri Lanka Telecom was awarded the license as the National Backbone Network (NBN) service provider in Sri Lanka. The license allows SLT to deliver NBN services via the company’s advanced fibre optic based nationwide communication backbone.

The license was presented to Lalith De Silva, Group CEO – SLT by Anusha Palipita, Director General – Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL). The venture is expected to accelerate economic development and expedite internet penetration to all corners of the country.

Other service providers are given the opportunity to obtain backbone services at attractive prices in order to eliminate high investment costs and reduce space, money and other resources which will otherwise be needed to replicate similar networks of their own.

The Government’s vision to reach a USD 4,000 per capita income by 2016 and USD 100 billion GDP economy is a vision shared by SLT as well. The company is fully committed to achieving the ultimate objective of NBN in facilitating broadband connectivity across the entire country. In line with country’s ICT development plans, SLT plans to cover all the 329 Divisional Secretariats and 24 districts in the country with high speed broadband connectivity over the NBN, within the next five years.