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JT's pioneering fibre project highly commended at Global Telecoms Award

Gigabit Jersey – JT's project that will soon see every home and business in the Island connected directly to super-fast broadband – has been Highly Commended in the Fixed Network Evolution category at the world's premier awards for the telecoms industry, the 'Glotels'.

The Gigabit Jersey project began in 2012 and over 94%* of premises have now been directly connected to the fibre network. It means that Jersey is now ranked first in the world in terms of percentage of premises with a full-fibre connection to broadband. Upon completion, it will be the global leader.

It will also allow the Island to become the first in the world to completely replace its ageing copper wire network - which has served the telecoms industry well for over a century - with fast, reliable and secure fibre-optic cables.

Now in its fifth year, the Global Telecoms Awards celebrates a broad range of accolades, including 'Connected Cars', 'AI Initiative of the Year' and 'TV/Video Innovation'. Companies shortlisted in JT's category included UAE-based Etisalat and TDC Group, Denmark's largest telecoms operator.

JT's Corporate Affairs Director, Daragh McDermott, said: "Jersey is close to becoming the world's first 'full-fibre' island, with every property directly connected to our fibre network. Our investment, in partnership with the States of Jersey, is already paying dividends, with thousands of businesses and households now able to embrace the power of fast and reliable access to the internet.

"When we began the Gigabit Jersey project, some people were understandably cautious and questioned whether it was necessary for the Island. However, we knew then that device use and bandwidth would grow, in line with more and more services being delivered digitally, and I'm



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delighted that the Global Telecoms Awards judges have recognised the importance of our insight and investment in full fibre connectivity.”

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Notes to Editors

The Global Telecoms Awards are organised by Telecoms.com, a respected independent news portal covering the latest technological advancements and market trends, focusing on the key business and technology issues facing the industry today. The awards took place in London on 2 November.

More information on Gigabit Jersey: www.jtglobal.com/fibre

*Figures correct as of November 2017