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### **Aqua Comms and Megaport Receive Global Telecoms Business Award**

*Joint Win in the Innovative Infrastructure Category Honors Partnership That Allows Enterprises to Access Transatlantic Capacity on AEConnect via Megaport's Global SDN*

**DUBLIN – May 23, 2017** — [Aqua Comms DAC](#) ("Aqua Comms"), the operator of Ireland's first dedicated subsea fibre-optic network interconnecting New York, Dublin and London, and [Megaport \(USA\) Inc](#), the US subsidiary of Megaport Limited (ASX: MP1) ("[Megaport](#)") and the leader in global Software Defined Networking (SDN), today announce their joint win of a Global Telecoms Business (GTB) award in the Innovative Infrastructure category.

Taking place May 23, 2017 in London, the [GTB Telecoms Innovation Summit, Showcase and Awards](#) gathers mobile operators, carriers, service providers, equipment manufacturers, and application developers to share and recognise successful collaborations in the telecoms industry that demonstrate innovation in their respective sector. Winning the GTB award for Innovative Infrastructure, Aqua Comms and Megaport were recognised for their partnership where Megaport accesses Aqua Comms' [America-Europe Connect](#) ("AEConnect") system and enables elastic interconnection to its transatlantic subsea cable network. Enabling enterprise customers to access transatlantic capacity on AEConnect via Megaport's global Software Defined Network ("SDN"), the innovative partnership is the first phase of a larger collaboration between Aqua Comms and Megaport that may include additional capacity and terrestrial landings.

"We're extremely honored to receive the Global Telecoms Business award for Innovative Infrastructure in recognition of our partnership with Megaport," states Nigel Bayliff, CEO, Aqua Comms. "Cloud growth, along with the increase of Over-the-Top content and webscale providers, is driving the surge in global data traffic. Our partnership with Megaport, which enables its customers to rapidly connect their network to cloud services and data centres across the world via elastic interconnection to AEConnect, points not only to the increasing importance of submarine cables, but to how collaboration leads to innovation."

Customers can rapidly provision services including direct cloud connections and Point to Point transport between the U.S. and Europe, each way, to enable multi-cloud, multi-region, and hybrid cloud architectures. Consistent with all Megaport enabled networking services, customers can consume elastic bandwidth on the Aqua Comms system, pay for what they use, and adjust it according to their changing business requirements.

"Megaport's partnership with Aqua Comms enables enterprises to utilise subsea capacity in an unprecedented way," states Vincent English, CEO of Megaport. "Enterprises are increasingly architecting for multi-region, multi-cloud deployments. Through our joint solution, customers can right-size capacity to their business requirements and enable rapid scaling of connectivity for their cloud-based applications, while bypassing the internet for improved security and predictable performance. Aqua Comms has proved itself the ideal provider of transatlantic bandwidth to deliver these critical connectivity services."

For more information about Aqua Comms, visit [www.AquaComms.com](http://www.AquaComms.com) or email [media@aquacomms.com](mailto:media@aquacomms.com). For more information about Megaport, please visit [www.Megaport.com](http://www.Megaport.com).

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### **About Aqua Comms DAC**

Aqua Comms DAC is the owner and operator of the transatlantic cable AEConnect and the Irish Sea cable CeltixConnect-1, and was established with a vision to build, acquire or merge with subsea fibre-optic cable networks to provide capacity networking solutions to the global media, content providers and IT companies. To learn more about Aqua Comms and its new transatlantic subsea cable system, AEConnect, visit [www.AquaComms.com](http://www.AquaComms.com).

### **About Megaport**

Megaport is the global leading provider of Elastic Interconnection services. Using Software Defined Networking (SDN), the Company's global platform enables customers to rapidly connect their network to other services across the Megaport Network. Services can be directly controlled by customers via mobile devices, their computer, or our open API. The Company's extensive footprint in Australia, Asia Pacific, North America, and Europe, provides a neutral platform that spans many key data centre providers across various markets.

Established in 2013 and founded by Bevan Slattery, Megaport built the world's first SDN-based Elastic Interconnection platform designed to provide the most secure, seamless, and on-demand way for enterprises, networks, and services to interconnect. Led by Vincent English, Megaport has been built by a highly experienced team with extensive knowledge in building large scale global carrier networks and connects over 670 customers throughout 150 data centres in 37 cities across 19 countries. Megaport is an Alibaba Cloud Technology Partner, Oracle Partner, Amazon AWS Technology Partner, Microsoft Azure ExpressRoute Partner, and Google Cloud Interconnect Partner.

To learn more about Megaport, please visit: [www.megaport.com](http://www.megaport.com).

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