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Chairman for Enable Networks Local Fibre Company appointed

Crown Fibre Holdings and Christchurch City Networks today announced the appointment of Mr Tim Lusk to chair Enable Networks Limited, the Local Fibre Company deploying Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) infrastructure in Christchurch and Rangiora.

The appointment of Mr Lusk, formerly a director and then CEO of Meridian Energy, is a milestone in the development of Enable Networks Limited. The new partnership is undertaking an initial 10 year spend of around \$440M for UFB deployment in Canterbury, which is expected to begin later this year. Some 1400 jobs will be generated in the region by the project.

Mr Lusk's career has included notable leadership positions such as General Manager, Industry Development at Transpower New Zealand, and General Manager of Wholesale Services at Telecom New Zealand Limited.

"Tim Lusk brings significant infrastructure experience in the electricity and telecommunications industries to this role," said Simon Allen, Chair of Crown Fibre Holdings. "We are delighted to have him leading this Board."

"His background in managing substantial infrastructure projects and as a key player in wholesale and retail utilities markets makes Mr Lusk an excellent Chair," said Christchurch City Networks Chairman, Bill Luff.

"This is an exciting appointment, at a time when Christchurch is on the threshold of change," said Mr Lusk, "I look forward to making a positive contribution to the city's rebuilding programme as we roll out new UFB infrastructure."

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About Christchurch City Networks (CCNL) and Christchurch City Holdings Limited (CCHL)

Christchurch City Networks Limited (CCNL) operates an extensive optical fibre network around the city providing dark fibre and metro Ethernet solutions. The company has built an 'open access' fibre optic network, connecting to businesses, community organisations and technology service providers to transmit data at virtually unlimited speed. From leading retailers to prominent health service providers, many Christchurch businesses of all sizes are connecting over CCNL fibre.

CCHL, parent company of CCNL, is the wholly owned investment arm of Christchurch City Council, holding shares in eight trading companies and monitoring two further Council-owned companies and their subsidiaries.

About Enable Networks Limited

Enable Networks Limited is a Local Fibre Company (LFC) under the UFB initiative, covering Christchurch (including Rolleston and other satellite areas) and Rangiora. CCNL and Crown Fibre Holdings are partners in the LFC.

What is a Local Fibre Company?

An LFC is a joint venture between Crown Fibre Holdings on behalf of the Government and a private company to deploy, own and operate a fibre-to-the-premise network in one or more parts of New Zealand under the UFB initiative. It sells access to point to point dark fibre or Layer 1 Services, and lit fibre (containing electronics), known as Layer 2 Services.