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#### Big Opportunities in the Digital Economies

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#### **Generic overview**

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#### **ABS Overview**



- ABS was founded by CEO Thomas Choi in 2005. In Sep 2006, CVCI, ADM and a few independent investors financed the acquisition of the ABS-1 (then LMI-1) satellite.
- Permira Funds, the management team, and a few investors completed the acquisition of ABS from CVCI and ADM in Nov 2010
- □ ABS is one of the fastest growing satellite operators in the world (projected FY16 YoY revenue growth near 30%)

#### - Seven satellites in orbit

- In addition to ABS-6 (previously ABS-1), acquired ABS-3 (Agila-2), ABS-1A (Koreasat 2) and ABS-7 (Koreasat 3) in 2009 and 2010, ABS-2 launched Feb 2014, ABS-3A launched March 2015 and ABS-2A launched June 2016. ABS-1A decommissioned in 2015
- Provides coverage to 93% of the world population
- Satellite programs in design phase
  - ABS-8 (116.1°E)
  - ABS-9 (16° W)
  - ABS-10 (159°E)

#### **Permira Satellite Credentials**



- Permira has a dedicated team focused on TMT (Telecoms, Media, Technology) which has accounted for c. 1/3 of the Fund's investments since inception
- Among others, the Permira Funds have invested in the largest satellite operators in the FSS and MSS segments



- Provider of global fixed satellite services, acquired in 2004 in a US\$5bn transaction.
- □ Key actions included:
  - Pursued new growth opportunities (e.g. managed services)
  - > Successful \$6.2 billion acquisition of Panamsat
  - > Realization of cost, capex and revenue synergies
  - Exited the investment in 2008 through a private sale for c. \$16 billion

inmarsat

- □ Global mobile satellite services provider, acquired in 2003 in a US\$2bn transaction.
- □ Key actions included:
  - Initially bringing together extremely disparate shareholder bases
  - > Crucial launch of the first "I-4" (and further launches)
  - Roll-out of broadband Global Area network allowing video steaming and other high bandwidth products (investment in next generation networks)
  - Capacity management and improved operational efficiencies
  - Exited the investment in 2005 through an IPO on the London Stock Exchange

#### **ABS Global Operations**





ABS' global facilities provide customers with value-added services capabilities and a multitude of service options

#### **ABS Global Coverage**











#### C – band I B Beams (Odd & Even Transponders)

#### Ku – band I Northern Beam



#### Ku – band I Southern Beam







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### **Does this sound like the Pacific?**





### Video in 1997 – 7MHz (Assume 7mbps today) gave you this





#### Video in 2017 – 7MHz (say 7mbps) Can give you UHD - 1 MHz can give you HD



#### And many people can't tell difference between good 20-Apr-17 HD or 4K (UHD) and 8K?<sup>12</sup>



What's really eating our bandwidth? Who steals it?

Video – The Bandwidth Hog – But the truth is Video is getting smaller and smaller

Maybe it's all that "Data" about ourselves, the constant monitoring or what you watch



Are all bits equal?

Net Neutrality tells us the ISP's and Telco's should treat all bit's equal, and I agree for large countries,

But in the Pacific? On a tiny island?

What is more important?

**Disaster Warning? Education? Netflix?** 



#### **The Rwanda Experience – Price is everything**

Rwanda took the opportunity to leapfrog into the future and embraced 4G before most countries had even heard of it. 2013 - Pre 4G sub 9% internet – Now 31%+

2016 Market	Penetration rate
Fixed-line telephony	0.1%
Fixed internet	29.3%
Mobile SIM (population)	79%

In the 'Affordability Report', countries are ranked according to various drivers such as effective broadband structures, enhanced competition, spectrum allocation, and infrastructure sharing models It has "Most affordable" internet on African continent.

But "High cost of 4G network locks out most subscribers"



"Internet is still expensive," said Emily Munvaneza, an Internet user. "They talk of affordability but it's yet to be experienced.

Even with a total mobile subscriber base of 8,807,170 as of March, few people in Rwanda have smart devices and many others' incomes do not allow them to afford the Internet.

Vision 2020 is bold, but it's working. And many outside Africa — and inside — are marveling at how an economy long-dominated by subsistence farming is becoming a high-tech hub — and one of the <u>20 fastest-growing</u> <u>countries</u> in the world.

Who in the Pacific will take up the challenge?



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You need fibre for 5G – Gigabyte connectivity

#### **Moving Forward** – Pan Pacific Support There are many cables and new ones coming





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#### TODAY With FSM – Pohnpei Only – Satellite for main islands and Remote Guam – Fibre but Saipan Connecting now PNG – Some fibre but heavy Satellite Fiji – Fibre – outer islands need satellite Samoa – Old fibre needs large satellite capacity Tonga – New Fibre Vanuatu – Satellite for remotes

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WITHOUT Only the very small populations, 10,000 or less.

### **3 – What about the fibre?**



#### Plan for that fibre cut!





## **3 – What about the fibre?**

Pacific lucky with fibre outages.

Tahiti (Wall to protect fibre fell on fibre)

Hantru FSM (Planned cut)

**PNG** – unplanned

Long wait for planning permission



# 4 – What about the Gap? The have and have not's? Universal Service – Not Pan Pacific Universal Service – Expensive!

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#### **5 – What are the real needs?**

**The Nature of Finance in Remote Villages** 

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### What to do with Village WiFi



- □ 15 years ago first VSAT enabled VillageWiFi in Thailand
  - Imbps x 256kbps
  - □ Again you need a local sponsor the "Enablers"
  - Community Liaison is very important
  - □ Identifying which villages will work fast and which will not
  - Let them own and profit!
- □ Let "Them" be creative what "They " do will amaze you!
- First E Government
- **E**-Learning
- If we could do that with 1x.256What about 5G?



6 – It's NOT about the speed.



**Don't be "Vendor" driven!** 

It's about access and smart planning

Do your plans enable "Local" growth – or International companies to grow?

What else could we be doing?

M2M – Fishing monitoring and licensing.