

PADTEC HOLDING S.A.
NOTICE TO THE MARKET

Padtec wins tender and will provide DWDM solution for the new Information Highways of the Norte Conectado program

Campinas/SP, September 11, 2023 – PADTEC HOLDING S.A. (B3: PDTC3) (“Company” or “Padtec”) informs that it will be the supplier of the DWDM solution for the subfluvial networks to be built in the riverbeds of the main rivers of the Amazon Basin for the subsequent three phases of the Norte Conectado program, led by the Brazilian Ministry of Communications (Ministério das Comunicações - MCom): Information Highways 02, 03, and 04. The Company won the tender conducted by Entidade Administradora de Faixa (EAF) – a non-governmental and non-profit entity-body created by the determination of Anatel (the Brazilian Telecommunication Regulatory Agency) and responsible for the implementation of six Information Highways – which selected the suppliers for the new segments of the high-capacity subfluvial network being constructed in the Northern region of the country.

Operated by a consortium of telecommunications companies, the Norte Conectado program aims to expand access to broadband services in the Amazon region, promoting digital inclusion for the population. To achieve this, 12,000 kilometers of eight Information Highways will be implemented along the Amazon rivers, connecting over 50 cities in the region and reaching more than seven million local inhabitants. Two of them have already been implemented: Information Highways 00 and 01.

“The three new Information Highways will total more than 2,000 kilometers and connect cities in Amazonas, Amapá, Pará, and Roraima states”, says Leandro Guerra, CEO of EAF. “This is a unique project in the history of Brazil and telecommunication worldwide”, highlights the executive. The first to be constructed will be Information Highway 04, which will join the community of Vila de Moura in the municipality of Barcelos (Amazonas state) to the capital of Roraima state, Boa Vista, using the riverbeds of the Negro and Branco rivers. Information Highway 02 will be the longest of the three new highways announced, with over 1,200 kilometers traversing the Solimões riverbed, connecting the cities of Tefé and Atalaia do Norte, in Amazonas state, and passing through other towns like Tabatinga. Information Highway 03 will link the capitals Macapá (Amapá state) and Belém (Pará state), passing through cities in the state of Pará.

Developed and manufactured in Brazil, the DWDM solutions provided by Padtec for the Norte Conectado program offer transmission rates of multiple channels at 100, 200, and 400 Gb/s, ensuring a high-capacity communication network for the entire region. Argemiro Sousa, Chief Operations Officer for Equipment at Padtec, recalls that the Company has been the supplier of DWDM products for the federal government's initiative since its first phase in 2014, starting with the networks built by the Brazilian Army in the Programa Amazônia Conectada (PAC) and later for Information Highways 00 and 01. “We are pleased to contribute once again to the advancement of connectivity in the Northern region of Brazil with state-of-the-art DWDM equipment. After all, among other benefits, connectivity brings regional development by enabling effective integration between various regions of the country and the world,” says the executive.

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Padtec will also serve as the service arm of the project, responsible for the installation, characterization, and commissioning of the DWDM optical network. "By offering a complete service solution that encompasses everything from system planning to installation, operation, and network maintenance, we add value to our delivery and provide greater security and comfort to our customers," emphasizes Argemiro Sousa. To provide on-site support to its customers, Padtec has 40 current points of presence distributed across Brazil, Argentina, and Colombia.

About Padtec (padtec.com)

Padtec is a Brazilian multinational company that strives to bring high-capacity connections to life throughout Brazil, the Americas and around the world. From the small town to the bustling metropolis. For every person, for every type of business. With over 20 years of history, we are honored to work together with our customers to offer services capable of bringing people together. By this collaboration and living and breathing technology, we go where no one else goes. We venture to use our knowledge to design new futures and keep up with a world in constant evolution. This is our way of leveraging connections to create new realities.

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