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### Queensland data centre selected to host NBN Co software systems

NBN Co, the company set up by the Federal Government to design, build and operate Australia's wholesale-only, high-speed broadband network, today announced it had contracted Polaris Data Centre in Queensland to host its second data centre.

The data centre will house NBN Co's IT infrastructure and its operational and business support systems. The value of the contract is approximately \$5 million over five years.

Head of Corporate Services, Mr Kevin Brown, said Polaris' facilities at Springfield, south-west of Brisbane near one of NBN Co's Second Release Sites, met NBN Co's existing and longer-term requirements.

"The contract with Polaris follows the announcement late last year of a contract with a Sydney-based data centre operator, Global Switch. The announcement today of a second data centre will provide the resiliency we need. It is also pleasing that Queensland will now host one of our key national investments, joining the Network Operations Centre in Melbourne and the previously-commissioned data centre in Sydney," Mr Brown said.

Late last year NBN Co also announced a contract with Cisco to provide its IT infrastructure platforms, including those that will support its operational and business support systems.

"We now have both our data centres in place to house this equipment, and plan to announce the successful provider of our OSS/BSS in the near future.

Springfield Land Corporation Director of Data Centre Development, Chris Schroor said: "Polaris is pleased to have successfully negotiated this important contract with NBN Co. It shows how the development of the NBN is already starting to have positive commercial outcomes for businesses around the country, and is a boon for Springfield."

"We are pleased to be able to meet NBN Co's high-density computing requirements. This solution leverages the flexible, high-density Polaris design that can support up to 60kW per rack. The NBN decision to move into Polaris complements NBN's decision to select Springfield Lakes as a Second Release Site, and reinforces Springfield as an emerging digital city."

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