

## Media Release



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### Transfield adds to NBN construction capacity in Sydney

NBN Co has awarded a contract to Transfield Services to roll out fibre optic broadband in Sydney metropolitan and suburban areas.

The contract is valued up to \$170 million over two years, with two one-year options to renew, and adds to the existing NBN construction work of the Theiss-Siemens joint venture Silcar in NSW, including parts of Sydney.

NBN Co Chief Operations Officer, Ralph Steffens said: "Under the contract announced today the contractor will be responsible for the rollout of the passive network from the fibre access node (FAN) all the way to the box outside the home, making it ready to connect to the network when the occupants order a service from their chosen provider."

Transfield has extensive experience in the design, construction and maintenance of telecommunications networks. The company is already responsible for the rollout of the NBN in established communities in Victoria.

The contract was awarded following a select tender process, and its value is within the Corporate Plan targets.

The National Broadband Network aims to deliver fast, affordable and reliable broadband to every Australian by 2021.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

- The latest contract adds to the list of companies NBN Co has contracted with to construct the local and distribution network so far: Visionstream – Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland and southern NSW; Syntheo (a Lend Lease/Service Stream joint venture) SA, WA; Transfield – Victoria and Sydney; Silcar - NSW, Qld and the ACT; Downer EDI – northern NSW.
- The Government's objective is for NBN Co to rollout fibre optic broadband, designed to offer its Retail Service Provider customers wholesale download speeds of up to 100 megabits per second\*, to 93 per cent of Australian premises by June 2021. The remaining premises are expected to receive high-speed broadband via fixed-wireless or satellite.
- For more information visit [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au)

\*NBN Co is designing the NBN to be capable of delivering these speeds to NBN Co's wholesale customers (telephone and internet service providers). Speeds actually achieved by retail customers (end users) will depend on a number of factors including the quality of their equipment and in-premises connection, the broadband plans offered by their service provider and how their service provider designs its network to cater for multiple end users