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Batelco Further Strengthens its Capabilities over BGN by Adding a New Protected Route

Manama, Bahrain: In line with its efforts to provide world class global services to support the Kingdom's endeavors to become a major hub for ICT and data movement, Batelco, the leading provider of digital solutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain announced the enhancement of its Batelco Gulf Network (BGN) by adding a new protected route over the network.

The BGN, launched in 2018, runs over the state-of-the-art Optical Transport Network (OTN) and meets the demand for reliable high bandwidth connectivity and capacity serving the different needs of global services and customers supporting up to 8.8Tbps of capacity providing connectivity to all GCC countries. Batelco now has increased its investments in the network, allowing customers to opt for protected solutions using the new protected route to achieve more resiliency and ensure higher uptimes and redundancy.

Batelco is now amongst the top providers in the GCC offering protected solutions over terrestrial cable systems. The BGN is now more robust to mitigate the risk of cable cuts and outages, which can effect customers' core operations in addition to providing a unique value through interconnectivity with other regional and global terrestrial and submarine cable systems, thus introducing a fully protected ring on both terrestrial and submarine routes.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Adel Al Daylami, Chief Global Business Officer said, "As part of its comprehensive plans, Batelco is keen to establish a robust national and international infrastructure and this enhancement of BGN is one of the initiatives which supports the Company's vision toward building a cloud-centric foundation to foster innovation in the Kingdom and the region."

“The BGN features alternative pathways for submerged under water routes, and with the introduction of the protection enhancement, customers can enjoy high reliable worry-free solutions allowing them to run their operations smoothly and facilitating the introduction of new and innovative services”, he added.

Photo Caption: Adel Al Daylami, Chief Global Business Officer.

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Batelco Group is headquartered in the Kingdom of Bahrain and listed on the Bahrain Bourse. Batelco has played a pivotal role in the country's development as a major communications hub and today is the leading integrated communications' provider, continuing to lead and shape the local consumer market and the enterprise ICT market. Batelco has been growing overseas via investing in other market-leading fixed and wireless operators.

Batelco Group has evolved from being a regional Middle Eastern operation to become a major communications company with direct and indirect investments across 14 geographies, namely Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man, Maldives, Diego Garcia, St. Helena, Ascension Island and the Falkland Islands.

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