



## Seaborn Networks Announces Investment in Underwater Optical Fiber

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Communications Minister Oscar Aguad today welcomed Larry Schwartz, president and CEO of [Seaborn Networks](#) and Seabras Group who announced an investment in an underwater fiber optic cable.

This infrastructure will increase the connectivity capacity of the country.

"We are on the path of **economic transformation of the country**. This project is the result of the new rules of the game led by President Macri. Argentina today provides predictability, legal certainty and clarity of conditions necessary for investment. We need investments that increase and improve the infrastructure of our country," Aguad said.

"Argentina needs a global modernization of communications infrastructure in **order to develop its industries, education, agriculture and institutions**. This new investment is one more step towards this modernization," said the Minister of Communications.

The new ARBR submarine cable system will be developed through an agreement between Seabras Group and the Argentine investment group Werthein.

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The total underwater infrastructure investment amounts to **US \$ 575 million**, and it is estimated that Seabras-1 will be ready by June 2017 and ARBR by the **second half of 2018**.

The CEO of Seaborn Networks and Seabras Group said: "We are very pleased to announce our agreement with the Werthein Group to build and operate the ARBR system."

"This project responds to the Argentine market's need to have a much greater international capacity in a next-generation system, while offering the country's first independent operator model for a critical submarine cable route," Schwartz said.

For its part, the Secretary for Investment Promotion, Clarisa Estol, explained that "from the public sector, our role is to create the necessary conditions for this private investment to be carried out in the most efficient way possible and provide better and more services To our population. "

"The project of Seaborn and the Werthein Group is part of our policy of connecting with the world, developing the latest technologies and increasing competition." This project, which recognizes Argentina's need to develop its digital infrastructure, Will allow us to expand all services related to international connectivity, cloud services, IP services, etc., "added Estol.

Andrés Tahta, executive vice president of the Argentine Investment and International Trade Agency , was enthusiastic about the agreement.

"The creation of the new submarine fiber optic cable system not only comprises an evolution of our connectivity with the world, but also is key to boost the **promotion of the Data Centers project in Argentina** ."

"Our country represents a unique combination of factors - especially in the south of the province of Buenos Aires - that favor the development of a true Massive Regional Center of Data Centers. There are very few in the region, and the need to add capacity among the major data storage centers is growing by leaps and bounds," Tahta said.

"Since it has been sixteen years since the last submarine cable was built in Brazil, combined with the fact that this is the main route for data and voice communications between Argentina and the rest of the world, this new independent route is a debt Pending," said Darío Werthein of the Werthein Group.

The ARBR system will consist of four pairs of fibers, a total length of **2000 kilometers** and a maximum initial design capacity of **48 Tbps** .

More than **98%** of the global communications for Argentina and other international routes are made through submarine fiber optic cables. Underwater cables offer higher quality of service, lower unit costs and longer service life.



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