



Werthein Group joins Seaborn Networks to build submarine cable between Argentina and Brazil

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After [selling its stake in Sofora, the controlling shareholder of Telecom Argentina](#) , Grupo Werthein returns to the telecommunications market, although this time, on the wholesale side. Today, Monday, April 3, Seaborn Networks announced an agreement with investment holding company Werthein to deploy a new submarine fiber optic cable that will connect Argentina with Brazil.

The system, named ARBR cable, will be developed by Seabras Group - a subsidiary of Seaborn Networks - and the Werthein Group. Both companies will be co-owners of the system.

The submarine line will have one of its landing points in Playa Grande, Brazil, from where it will connect [to Seabras-1](#) to enable the connection from Argentina to the United States - more precisely, New York - on a direct route.

In Argentina, the exact location of the *landing point* is not yet known , but it is expected to be near Las Toninas, where Level 3 cables, Telecom Argentina and Telefónica, among others, already flow. According to Larry Schwartz, the system will offer Argentina the "first independent operator model for a critical submarine route," such as Argentina-Brazil- United States."

The system will have four pairs of optical fiber with an initial capacity of 48 Tbps. The companies expect the deployment to be complete by the second half of 2018. The total project - which includes Seabras-1- will have a value of 575 million dollars.



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