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Livewire Connections now part of Marlink Group

Paris / Oslo / London, 21 December 2017: Marlink, backed by Apax Partners, has closed the acquisition of Livewire Connections, a UK headquartered satellite communications service provider with focus on superyacht customers. The closing was completed less than two weeks after the acquisition was announced and signed.

Livewire Connections will become part of the Marlink Group, joining the worldwide leader in maritime communications and maritime VSAT services, generating close to \$500 million revenues, employing approx. 1000 experts

globally and serving an installed base of around 5000 VSAT vessels under contract. Established as an innovator and today the most trusted service provider in all key maritime markets, including shipping, offshore, cruise / ferry and fishing, Marlink's recent round of acquisitions will complement and extend further its leading position to the superyacht market segment.

Marlink also recently announced their definitive agreement to acquire a majority stake in the Spanish superyacht service provider OmniAccess. Both companies have been strategically chosen for their leading position, unique capabilities and quality focus to provide unrivalled services and value for customers in the highly demanding superyacht segment.

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About the Marlink Group

Through its ownership of the Marlink, Apax Partners has created a new powerful Group dedicated to providing maritime and enterprise customers with an integrated offering of reliable broadband communications, digital solutions, bridge electronics and flexible service & maintenance.

Combining the power of these expert organisations, the Marlink Group delivers complete connectivity and IT solutions to maritime and enterprise companies globally. It provides an unrivalled portfolio of multi-band communication solutions covering Ku-, Ka-, C- and L-band services extended with mobile and terrestrial links and an industry-unique range of digital solutions. Telemar, as part of the Group, is a recognised supplier for bridge

electronics and on-board maintenance services. The Group is completed by Palantir, which specialises in remote IT management solutions and IT services on board.

The expertise of the Marlink Group, combined with its strong satellite network operator and manufacturer partnerships as well as IT network expertise, enables it to bring the power of broadband communications, bridge and electronics technology and service excellence to customers globally, providing tailored connectivity solutions that enable both maritime and enterprise customers globally to digitalise their operations at sea and on land.

Today the Marlink Group has more than 800 employees worldwide and provides customers with unrivalled service and support through an enhanced global footprint and worldwide sales and service locations. A global 24/7 helpdesk, specialised competence centres, local presence on all continents and a network of 1250 service points and partners staffed by highly qualified, certified service engineers, supports global customers to operate their business in an ever smarter, safer and more profitable way. The Group is led by Erik Ceuppens as CEO.

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About Livewire Connections

Livewire Connections dedicate themselves in providing an unrivalled portfolio of IT solutions and satellite services, including Inmarsat, Iridium and VSAT to the maritime and land mobile sectors. Specialising in turnkey installations, Livewire Connections Ltd is a Cobham Sea Tel / Sailor VSAT and TVRO main dealer as well as a Marlink Elite and Global Field Service Alliance Partner. The Company provides airtime services along with a complete range of core IT solutions and unmatched technical support for superyachts and merchant vessels of all types. Livewire Connections has been heavily involved with numerous yacht refit and new build projects throughout Europe and the USA.

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