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# TM, Asiaspace sign WiMax services deal

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**TELEKOM** Malaysia Bhd (TM) and its subsidiary Fiberail Sdn Bhd have signed a service and facilities agreement with Asiaspace Sdn Bhd that will see the latter leveraging on the former's existing infrastructure to provide WiMax wireless broadband, multimedia and voice services.

According to earlier reports, the deal was expected to save Asiaspace millions of ringgit as it does not need to invest in the infrastructure needed to offer WiMax services.

WiMax is a telecommunications technology that allows for the transmission of wireless data over long distances in a variety of ways. Asiaspace is one of four companies granted the WiMax licence by the government.

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CNX Broadband Sdn Bhd, Bizsurf (M) Sdn Bhd and Packet One Networks Sdn Bhd.

Asiaspace chairman Datuk Abdul Ghani Abdullah, TM Malaysia business CEO Datuk Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa and Fiberail chairman Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Daud signed the agreements on behalf of their respective companies.

In a statement yesterday, Asiaspace said it strongly supported the government's push for infrastructure sharing and that the deal among the three parties was the first step towards achieving those goals.

It said TM and Fiberail together have a vast network of transmission and backhaul infrastructure and the exper-

tise on how to use it. The company said it was the only logical solution for it to make use of that infrastructure and not duplicate it.

Speaking at the signing ceremony in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, Abdul Ghani said: "The agreements signed will strengthen business ties between all the three parties, enabling them to work together as business partners as well as to complement each other by providing high quality services to the consumers."

"Asiaspace will build the WiMax wireless broadband access network to complement the wired services, which are currently being offered by TM," he added.