Telecom Egypt, Egypt's first integrated telecom operator and one of the largest subsea cables operators in the region, announces that EG-IX, the first open access internet exchange in Egypt, is live and available for customers as of today. The new Internet Exchange, powered by AMS-IX, is intended to enhance the digital experience of internet users in Egypt, Africa, and the Middle East.

EG-IX is hosted inside Telecom Egypt's largest certified tier III data center located in Smart Village in West Cairo and named Regional Data Hub (RDH). RDH is connected with advanced fully meshed network securing the access to 14 submarine cable systems, to be increased to 18 cable systems by 2025. EG-IX is based on the IX-as-a-Service (IXaaS) solution offered by AMS-IX, the world leading interconnection platform service provider, and will act as an open access Internet Exchange Platform for large content delivery network, application and cloud providers and telecom carriers who are looking to enhance the digital experience of end customers in MEA region.

IXaaS solution supports Telecom Egypt to set up and run a state-of-the-art internet exchange point in Egypt capitalizing on more than 25 years of AMS-IX's experience in such field.

EG-IX Platform will support Telecom Egypt in its efforts to improve the quality of internet services in Egypt. Moreover, this exchange point will strengthen Egypt's position as an international connectivity hub, further highlighting the potential of the growing digital sector in the region.

Adel Hamed, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"We are pleased to announce that EG-IX, which is hosted within the RDH, the largest tier III certified data center in Egypt is going live now in partnership with AMS-IX. The launch of the EG-IX platform will support Egypt's digital transformation plans. This step will not only enhance the country's internet ecosystem, but also support the ongoing regional efforts to establish a regional digital ecosystem that aggregates internet traffic from Africa and the Middle East."

Peter van Burgel, AMS-IX CEO, said:

"The launch of EG-IX is a great milestone for AMS-IX, Telecom Egypt and the Internet community. This new Internet Exchange will enable networks from all over the world to directly connect and exchange traffic, which will lower the cost of peering, reduce latency, and enhance the quality of the Internet for countless end users."