

## **PCCW Global achieves MEF 3.0 certification for both its network and Console Connect**

**HKT (SEHK: 6823) – HONG KONG – February 3, 2021** – PCCW Global, a leading international telecommunications service provider, has validated both its international network and Console Connect platform via MEF 3.0 certification, confirming they both deliver the highest levels of performance, assurance and agility as set by the world's defining authority for global standardized networking services.

MEF 3.0 certification enables companies to confirm the quality of their services and technologies, and is playing a critical role in accelerating the industry's transformation to dynamic services across a global federation of automated networks. Globalized standards are transitioning providers currently operating as independent islands into a federation of cloud-like networks that support dynamic services and facilitate automated business-to-business interactions.

PCCW Global's network has now achieved MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet (CE) Service certification for Global Ethernet over MPLS services for both the company's Console Connect platform and its Switched Ethernet Services. With this certification, PCCW Global is the first provider in the world to implement all three services standards as defined by MEF:

- Certified MEF 3.0 CE
- Certified MEF 3.0 SD-WAN
- LSO Sonata API implementation

In addition, PCCW Global has over 60 MEF 3.0 certified professionals, who help maintain and support the Console Connect and PCCW Global's services worldwide.

PCCW Global's IP backbone provides end-to-end connectivity to over 127 on-net PoPs in 52 countries and 81 cities, while total IP backbone capacity has already grown by over 17% in the past five months.

Now accredited with MEF 3.0 certification, Console Connect, the global platform for Software-Defined Interconnection<sup>®</sup>, is leading the way to full network virtualization, by enabling users to quickly spin up high-speed connections between data centers, business-critical apps and partners in seconds.

The automated Console Connect platform makes the process of connecting to cloud-based, business-critical applications and geographically distributed offices, partners and clients simple, predictable and secure. The platform incorporates network automation software that manages access via PCCW Global's dependable, high-speed international private MPLS network, providing users with a one-touch portal for seamless global connectivity.

Console Connect is home to a growing global ecosystem of carriers, enterprises, cloud, XaaS, IX, IoT and other NaaS partners, and provides the ability to instantly self-provision private and dedicated interconnections between leading data centres worldwide. Positioned at the core of PCCW Global's business, Console Connect is 100% integrated into the provisioning of PCCW Global's MEF accredited network services.

Mr. Frederick Chui, Chief Commercial Officer, PCCW Global, said, "While gaining MEF 3.0 accreditation certifies us as one of the world's leading global network carriers, what is going to be more important for our customers going forwards is the ease-of-use, scalability and agility that is provided by our Console Connect platform. The certification of MEF 3.0 confirms the quality of our global network and Console Connect provides fast, secure and easy access to those services with a few clicks from almost anywhere in the world."

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Mr. Kevin Vachon, Chief Operating Officer, MEF, said, “MEF congratulates PCCW Global for being one of the first global service providers in the world – and the first based in Asia Pacific – to offer both certified MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet and SD-WAN services. PCCW Global’s rollout of certified MEF 3.0 services follows its industry leadership in being among the first to implement MEF LSO Sonata APIs for inter-provider service automation. Together, these innovative solutions position the company to deliver a superior customer and partner experience through efficient interconnection, end-to-end automation, and accelerated operations.”

PCCW Global’s MEF certifications are officially listed at:  
<https://www.mef.net/certify/service-registry/?orgid=001U0000007PYC1IAO>

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### **About PCCW Global**

PCCW Global is a leading international communications service provider, offering the latest mobility, voice and data solutions to multinational enterprises, telecommunications partners, cloud and application service providers. With a network footprint reaching over 3,000 cities in 160+ countries across 5 continents, our truly global coverage combined with local on-the-ground knowledge has helped us build best-in-class global connections linking Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East. Our network supports a portfolio of integrated communications services including connectivity, applications, and tailored solutions integrated and orchestrated by the Console Connect on-demand digital Software Defined Interconnection® platform, one of the first global platforms to fully automate switching and routing of all communications for seamless interconnection.

To learn more about PCCW Global, please visit [www.pccwglobal.com](http://www.pccwglobal.com).

### **About Console Connect**

Console Connect is PCCW Global’s Software Defined Interconnection ® platform which spans data centres in over 40 countries, capitalizing on our low latency, fully-redundant, uncontended global MPLS Network. The Console Connect digital platform allows users to instantly self-provision connectivity between carriers, enterprises, cloud, SaaS, IX, IoT, UCaaS, security-as-a-service and other network-as-a-service partners in seconds.

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