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FibreSpan Strengthens Infrastructure for University of Manchester

23 January 2005, UNITED KINGDOM: The University of Manchester recently appointed FibreSpan to provide a leased dark fibre circuit to link its data centres.

The need for such dedicated infrastructure was highlighted when the University made plans to establish a second data centre to improve disaster recovery and resilience. As the client required an unrestricted and scalable network, dark fibre was identified as the preferred option.

After a lengthy review of the market, FibreSpan was selected, based on its reputation for providing affordable bespoke dark fibre networks. FibreSpan build their networks at the most competitive rate and charge a fixed annual fee regardless of bandwidth or usage. The university carried out a cost analysis using a seven-year model and found that FibreSpan's proposal represented the most cost effective solution on the market.

Further cost savings were to be gained when FibreSpan identified the opportunity to link a secondary building en-route.

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About FibreSpan - fibrespan.co.uk

FibreSpan is a fibre solutions company with a national telecommunications licence. It designs, installs, operates and leases private dark fibre circuits, working in partnership with health and education, local authorities and other multi-site organisations. Established in 2001, it is an independent UK national statutory utility, licensed by the DTI and regulated by Ofcom.

It is FibreSpan's goal to make fibre optic connectivity a viable solution for organisations throughout the UK. In order to achieve this, the company has invested in developing patent-pending microduct technology that is swiftly changing the face of fibre optic deployment – allowing access to bespoke dark fibre connectivity at an affordable and competitive rate.

FibreSpan offer an end-to-end service that includes consultation, network planning, rapid deployment and comprehensive support. Its dark fibre networks offer unlimited bandwidth at a fixed cost for the term of the contract - a genuinely future proof solution. This puts FibreSpan in a unique position to enable clients to have complete control of future bandwidth demand.