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STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

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UFB rollout ahead as fixed connections increase

Chorus has today released its fixed line and broadband connection numbers as at 31 March 2014.

Fixed line connections increased by 3,000 lines over the three month period to 31 March to a total of 1,779,000 lines. Total broadband connections increased by 12,000 to 1,144,000.

Chorus' UFB network deployment continues to be ahead of schedule with fibre passing about 228,000 premises at 31 March, meaning 297,000 end-users are within reach of ultra-fast broadband.

Fibre connections grew to 35,000 across Chorus' nationwide network at 31 March, although some of this increase included trial lines not previously billed. About 18,300 fibre connections are within Chorus' completed UFB network footprint.

Chorus' rural broadband rollout also continues at pace and had brought 66,500 rural lines within reach of better broadband by 31 March.

	31 March 2014	31 December 2013
Baseband copper	1,488,000	1,497,000
UCLL	125,000	125,000
SLU/SLES	4,000	5,000
Naked Basic/Enhanced UBA and Naked VDSL	110,000	103,000
Data services over copper	17,000	19,000
Fibre	35,000	27,000
TOTAL FIXED LINE CONNECTIONS	1,779,000	1,776,000

	31 March 2014	31 December 2013
Basic UBA	211,000	246,000
Naked Basic UBA	8,000	11,000
Enhanced UBA	767,000	747,000
Naked Enhanced UBA	93,000	87,000
VDSL	33,000	20,000
Naked VDSL	9,000	5,000
Fibre (Bitstream 2, 3 and fibre subdivisions)	23,000	16,000
TOTAL BROADBAND CONNECTIONS	1,144,000	1,132,000

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