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Zambia Temperature Measurement Fiber Optic Cable Splicing Project



Overview

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Key Takeaways

The project involves deploying, splicing, and testing fiber optic cables in Zambia using OTDR technology and standardized splicing procedures to ensure high-quality, reliable network performance.Project Overview

In Zambia, fiber optic projects typically include design, trenching, ducting, fiber blowing, splicing, installation, commissioning, and maintenance. Companies like LTS Group provide turnkey solutions, covering all aspects from initial survey to network monitoring, ensuring minimal downtime and high service reliability . These projects often support FTTx networks, including FTTH, FTTO, FTTC, and FTTB, using GPON or EPON technologies for point-to-point or point-to-multipoint connections .

Fiber Splicing and Temperature Measurement

Fiber splicing is a critical step in network deployment, connecting fiber strands to maintain signal integrity. Splicing can occur at internal points (ODF cabinets) or external intermediate joints, and must follow strict safety and operational standards . Temperature measurement is important during splicing and testing because fiber performance can be affected by thermal expansion or contraction, which may influence splice loss and attenuation.

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Testing Standards and Equipment

Testing ensures that splices and fiber spans meet performance requirements. Key equipment includes:

• Optical Time Domain Reflectometer (OTDR): Used to detect faults, measure attenuation, locate splices, and verify network performance over long distances .

• Optical Power Meter and Laser Light Source: Measure power loss on each span to verify continuity and correct splicing. These devices must operate at 1310nm and 1550nm wavelengths and be calibrated before testing .

• Launch Reels (1 km): Used for pigtail testing to accurately measure connector loss, back reflectance, and adjacent splice loss . Testing procedures follow strict standards to ensure no fibers are incorrectly spliced, and all measurements are documented for quality assurance .

Operational Practices

• Network Auditing: Regular audits map the network, identify vulnerabilities, and ensure proper documentation for maintenance and expansion .

• Maintenance and Monitoring: Advanced monitoring systems like Fiber Guardian allow real-time supervision of network performance, enabling rapid response to outages and maintaining SLA compliance .

• Training: Engineers and technicians are trained in OTDR-based testing, fault localization, and troubleshooting to maintain high-quality network operations .

Summary

The Zambia fiber optic cable splicing project integrates high-precision splicing, temperature-aware testing, and rigorous quality standards to ensure reliable broadband infrastructure. By combining turnkey deployment, OTDR testing, and continuous monitoring, these projects support the growing demand for high-speed connectivity across residential, business, and industrial sectors in Zambia .

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