Burundi Optical Cable Removal Construction Plan

Overview

Kinshasa Construction of Burundi section of the fibre optic link between Kinshasa (DRC) and Kigali/Bujumbura (Rwanda/Burundi). BGCS-1 Optical Cable Relocat.

Key Takeaways

Burundi's optical cable projects require careful planning, adherence to fiber optic construction guidelines, and coordination with local infrastructure to ensure safe and efficient removal or relocation.

Project Context

Burundi is a densely populated, predominantly rural country with limited urban infrastructure, making telecommunications expansion and maintenance challenging. The government and development partners, including the World Bank, are investing in digital foundations to improve connectivity, which includes fiber optic networks. Any optical cable removal or construction plan must consider the country's existing road and utility infrastructure, as well as the scarcity of local contractors with specialized equipment.

Planning and Guidelines

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Effective optical cable removal and construction should follow international and regional best practices: Pre-construction assessment: Conduct detailed surveys to locate existing fiber, utilities, and underground infrastructure. Use “Call/Click Before You Dig” services to prevent accidental damage. Dig Once Principle: When removing or relocating cables, install spare ducts or conduits to accommodate future fiber expansion, reducing repeated excavation costs.

Contractor selection: Only hire certified fiber optic technicians (CFOTs) or contractors with proven experience in fiber installation and removal. Verify subcontractors' qualifications and past project performance. Safety and protection: Ensure proper handling of fiber optic cables to prevent breakage, and follow electrical and civil safety standards during trenching or directional boring.

Construction and Removal Considerations

Trenching and directional boring: Use appropriate machinery to minimize damage to roads and existing utilities. In Burundi, surface treatment is a common method for road pavement, so coordination with road authorities is essential. Cable handling: Fiber optic cables are fragile; removal should avoid excessive bending or tension.

Document all cable routes and splice points for accurate reinstallation or decommissioning. Future-proofing: Install extra fibers or conduits during removal or relocation to support future network upgrades, including higher-speed networks (100G or terabit-ready) and FTTH expansion. Coordination with Regional ProjectsBurundi is exploring regional fiber connections, such as planned links with Zambia, which may influence cable removal and construction priorities.

Aligning local projects with regional initiatives ensures interoperability and maximizes investment efficiency.

Summary

A successful Burundi optical cable removal and construction plan should integrate careful planning, certified contractors, adherence to safety and technical guidelines, and future-proofing strategies. Coordination with local authorities and regional projects is essential to maintain network integrity and support the country's digital development goals.

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As for the construction equipment to be imported from Kenya or Uganda, the transportation period is planned to be approx. 2 months including removal, packing, customs clearance and inland

ITU-T Rec. L.25 (01/2015) Optical fibre cable network maintenance

Maintenance of an optical fibre system will be shaped by the topology of the network and the construction of the optical fibre cables. If the network is fibre rich with an optical circuit to each

ITU-T Rec. L.163 (11/2018) Criteria for optical fibre cable ...

This Recommendation also describes how to mitigate the considerable risks and/or issues to which the optical fibre cable may be exposed when infrastructures are minimal during installation, maintenance

The FOA Reference For Fiber Optics -Outside Plant Construction ...

This chapter covers many topics of relevance to OSP construction that should be considered as part of the overall project planning. For additional detail on the design, refer to the FOA online Guide

Fiber Optic Network Construction

Learn how fiber optic network construction works—from site survey and permits to aerial vs underground fiber cable installation, splicing, and FTTH connections.

Underground Fiber Optic Cable Installation: A Complete Best

Learn how to install underground fiber optic cables safely and efficiently. Explore trenching, conduit selection, direct burial methods, splicing, termination, testing, and solutions for

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mencement of OFC construction work, cable route plan and jointing schedule hall be prepared and supplied by the contractor. This document shall be prepared in consultation with the buyer rep at site.

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Burundi and Zambia plan cable connection

Burundi and Zambia are to be connected via an underwater fibre optic cable, following an agreement at the second Digital Government Africa Summit, which took place from 2-4 October 2024

Burundi s haphazardly strung fiber optic cables

Burundi invests $25m in high-speed Internet network Burundi has officially launched its $25 million investment project in a fibre-optic cable network to widen access to broadband Internet and cut costs.

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Typically, optical fiber cables do not carry electrical power, but the metallic components of a conductive cable are capable of transmitting current. When the armoured cable is correctly bonded and

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Zambia and Burundi Sign MoU on Fibre Optic Connection

He noted that the connection will enable Burundi to relay information through Zambia to other parts of the continent, boosting regional digital infrastructure and economic growth. “The fibre

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Aerial cable damage from gunshots and a squirrel. (Photos by S. Casey, City of Albany, GA) Cables in premises installations are unlikely to be dug up

ITU-T Rec. L.25 (01/2015) Optical fibre cable network maintenance

Summary Recommendation ITU-T L.25 deals with general features in relation to the maintenance and operation of optical fibre cable networks. This is the latest revision of a Recommendation that was

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Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the government of Burundi to facilitate optic fibre connectivity into Burundi. Minister of Technology and Science Felix

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