



FIBRE TO THE HOME

Rapidly making Jozi faster

Suburbs in SA's major cities have benefited recently from an influx of fibre optic cable projects, as competition between big operators intensifies. Last week MetroFibre Networkx announced that it will lay fibre optic cables at Kyalami Estates, a project worth R13m.

The enormous fibre to the home infrastructure rollout in recent years has been led by companies including Telkom, which alone aims to connect 1m households with fibre by 2018.

Telkom's fibre to the home project allows users to download a movie in less than seven minutes and a music album in only eight seconds.

Other companies laying fibre cables in SA cities include Dark Fibre Africa, MTN, Vodacom

and Vumatel, and the competition will be good for consumers.

MetroFibre says its footprint already extends to seven estates in Johannesburg, including Kyalami, and to suburbs including Paulshof and Rivonia. The company believes it is positioned to be the "primary fibre supplier" to the northern suburbs of Johannesburg.

MetroFibre has partnered with RocketNet to provide fibre-related Internet services to those suburbs. RocketNet has also launched information and technology support as part of its product offering, which will include installation and even giving advice to consumers on how to get better signal strength and how to use their Wi-Fi networks optimally, it says.

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