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### **Arqiva acquires Inmedia**

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- **Enhanced customer service, back-up and long-term security**
- **Reinvestment in Arqiva core infrastructure business**

Arqiva (formerly NTL Broadcast) has made an early move to expand its media solutions business by acquiring Inmedia Communications Ltd from The Carlyle Group for £68.5 million. The combined businesses will be able to offer broader capability and enhanced customer service through complementary skills and resources, and the security of a well-funded and well-managed organisation.

Inmedia is a broadcast and media infrastructure company, primarily providing satellite uplinking and related support services. It uses a combination of satellite and Internet Protocol (IP) infrastructure to serve the broadcast and enterprise markets. Arqiva and Inmedia possess complementary skills and resources: Arqiva has a long track-record in UK terrestrial and satellite transmission while Inmedia has a more internationally-focused client base in satellite services embracing IP, voice and data as well as UK direct-to-home (DTH) satellite broadcasting. Both companies have demonstrated innovation in meeting increased demand for media-rich communication. The combination will result in a strong long-term operation providing comprehensive value-for-money services to a sector undergoing significant growth.

Tom Bennie, chief executive officer of Arqiva, said: "There is significant growth potential in this market and we are very pleased with the Inmedia acquisition. We have funded the transaction from our own financial resources and I am particularly pleased to be reinvesting in core teleport infrastructure business in this way."

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Nick Thompson, chief executive officer of Inmedia, added: "These are both infrastructure businesses with a good deal of synergy and it makes perfect sense to combine the best strengths of both, to ensure their continued success and to secure long-term benefits for customers."

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**More on Arqiva (previously known as NTL Broadcast):**

Arqiva has a 50-year history in transmission and has helped pioneer the technologies of the digital age. Formerly the broadcast division of ntl Group, Arqiva was sold earlier this year to a consortium led by Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group, trading as National Transcommunications Ltd until 31 July, 2005. 22 million UK homes receive ITV, Channel 4 and five via Arqiva's national transmitter networks. The company also provides transmission for most UK independent radio stations, both analogue and digital. In addition Arqiva provides end-to-end media solutions to the broadcast industry across terrestrial and satellite platforms. This includes satellite uplinking, satellite newsgathering, outside broadcast facilities, programme packaging and distribution. With a portfolio of over 2000 radio sites across the UK, Arqiva's Wireless Solutions group specialises in shared mobile and cellular network infrastructure, from conventional masts and towers, urban and in-building solutions to access circuits, managed back-haul and core network provision. Arqiva's Public Safety group provides a full range of support services to the UK police, fire, ambulance and other emergency services including design and installation of integrated telecommunications systems, radio system maintenance and fully managed services. [www.arqiva.com](http://www.arqiva.com)

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