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Arqiva named 'Independent Operator of the Year' by World Teleport Association

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- **Arqiva the only UK teleport operator short listed for the award**
- **Outstanding achievements include the development of the UK's largest single digital advertising network and the UK's first nationwide digital cinema satellite network**

Arqiva has been named Independent Operator of the Year in the World Teleport Association's (WTA) 2007 Awards for Excellence. The award, presented at a ceremony in Washington last Tuesday, acknowledges the growth of Arqiva's teleport services across the broadcasting, retail, oil and gas and financial industries. Arqiva was the only UK teleport operator to be short listed for the award.

Arqiva signed over 230 new satellite contracts in 2006, with notable achievements including the development of the UK's largest single digital advertising network for London Underground and the design and installation of the UK's first nationwide digital cinema satellite network for City Screens Ltd. Arqiva's broad range of customers also includes Sky Sports, Camelot and ING Wholesale Banking.

Accepting the award for Arqiva last Tuesday, Angus Blackwood, Customer Services Director of Arqiva Satellite Media Solutions said, "This award is a testament to the hard work of the entire company. It's been a great year for us, with fantastic contracts and new business opportunities, and we are delighted to be recognised on such an internationally renowned platform."

Arqiva operates four teleports in the UK, based in Chalfont, Bedford, Winchester and Morn Hill.

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Arqiva has a 50-year history in transmission and has helped pioneer the technologies of the digital age. The company has five operating divisions:

- **Satellite Media Solutions** – provides high quality and flexible solutions to a diverse range of international customers. Includes permanent and occasional broadcast services as well as IP, voice, data and digital media networks. Operational bases in London, Gerrards Cross, Winchester, Feltham and Bedford.
- **Terrestrial Media Solutions** – provides national transmission for UK commercial television including ITV, Channel 4, Five and associated digital multiplexes, playing a leading role in the run-up to digital switchover. Transmission services also provided to vast majority of UK independent radio stations, both analogue and digital.
- **Mobile Media Solutions** – new division dedicated to establishing mobile broadcasting networks. Arqiva is platform-neutral and has mounted pioneering technical and commercial mobile broadcasting trials with partners such as Microsoft, O2 and Nokia.
- **Wireless Solutions** – provides market-leading, multi-operator infrastructure systems and services to wireless telecoms, transport and interior public space businesses. This is done through a portfolio of over 2400 towers, masts and managed sites, plus InBuilding (indoor coverage) and CityCell (urban coverage) products
- **Public Safety** – provides frontline communications for the UK emergency services, government agencies and commercial organisations including design and installation, system maintenance and fully managed services for mobile radio, telecommunications and mobile data solutions.

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