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PITO extends deal with Arqiva to assess police vehicle performance

- **Five-year deal for Arqiva to evaluate electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of in-vehicle equipment**
- **Arqiva to advise on best practice for vehicle installation**
- **Latest phase in long-standing working relationship between Arqiva and PITO**

Police Information Technology Organisation (PITO) has extended its contract with Arqiva to run a vehicle equipment and installation test facility. Under the terms of the five-year deal,¹ Arqiva will carry out electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) testing on police and emergency services vehicles at the testing centre at Carterton near Oxford. Staff from Arqiva's Public Safety group, under the guidance of PITO officers, will assess the performance of in-vehicle equipment, such as radios, computers and mobile data units, to minimise eliminate cross-interference with TETRA radio systems and maintain optimal performance of all equipment. Field staff from Arqiva will also visit police forces on behalf of PITO to advise on best practice for vehicle equipment installation to PITO specifications.

Arqiva is providing PITO with a secure, fully-managed Vehicle EMC Workshop facility at Carterton to carry out practical testing on emergency services vehicles. Real-life operating conditions will be simulated at the remote Oxfordshire site, specially selected for the low level of electrical noise in the radio frequency bands used by the emergency services.

Jim Mathieson, Head of Automotive & Equipment Section at PITO commented, "In-vehicle technology is continuously evolving, making policing more effective and it's important that we maintain an optimal level of performance and compatibility between systems. Arqiva's

¹ The new contract term includes the additional two years allowable under Arqiva's original contract with PITO

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assistance enables us to prevent cross-interference between the equipment and gauge how best to improve its overall performance. Arqiva has an excellent understanding of the work that UK police forces carry out and a long history of working in this field. We are confident in their ability to help us meet the needs of modern policing and look forward to continuing our relationship with them.”

Alastair Davison, Managing Director of Arqiva Public Safety added, “We are very pleased to support PITO and the UK’s police forces at the Carterton facility to ensure that they receive the best performance from their in-vehicle equipment. As the emergency services continue to switch to the Airwave network, we hope to continue working with PITO to offer the EMC testing service to more of the UK ‘blue light’ services including the fire brigades and ambulance trusts.”

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More on Arqiva

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

- **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
- **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

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Notes to editors:

About PITO

The Police Information Technology Organisation provides information technology and communications systems and services to the police and other criminal justice organisations in the UK. PITO is a non-departmental body overseen by a board that draws its members from the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), the police authorities, the Home Office and the Scottish Executive. The board also has independent members.

April 2007 sees the creation of the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA), to support the forces to improve the way they work across many areas of policing. The NPIA will replace PITO and will take on significant areas of its operations, including the responsibility for the PNN3. All PITO contracts including the PNN3 will be novated (legally transferred) from PITO to the NPIA as of the 1st April 2007.

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