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Arqiva begins build of next phase of BBC DAB transmitters

- **Digital radio expands with 54 new DAB transmitters**
- **Strengthening of national digital infrastructure**
- **Delivery by March 2010**

Arqiva has begun phase three of its contract with the BBC to build and operate additional transmitters to expand the coverage of the BBC's DAB digital radio network. The BBC has confirmed an order for 54 new DAB transmitter sites across the UK, which will be delivered between January 2009 and March 2010.

These additional sites form part of the digital TV and radio contract, signed in September 2006, and further strengthen the BBC's national digital infrastructure. Work by Arqiva on these new sites will begin immediately, with the first transmitter expected to be switched on in January 2009.

Paul Eaton, head of broadcast radio at Arqiva, said: "We're delighted to help the BBC continue to expand its digital radio network. These transmitters will bring thousands more listeners into national DAB coverage across the whole of the UK."

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About Arqiva

Arqiva operates at the heart of the broadcast and mobile communications industry and is at the forefront of network solutions and services in an increasingly digital world. The company provides much of the infrastructure behind television, radio and wireless communications in the UK and has a growing presence in Ireland, mainland Europe and the USA.

For broadcasters, media companies and corporate enterprises Arqiva has end-to-end capability ranging from outside broadcasts, satellite newsgathering, studios, playout, satellite distribution and terrestrial transmission, the latter including digital switch over and mobile TV development.

In the communications sector the company supports cellular, wireless broadband, video, voice and data solutions for the mobile phone, public safety, public sector, public space and transport markets.

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Arqiva has its headquarters in Hampshire, with other major UK offices in London, Buckinghamshire and Yorkshire. It now has ten international satellite teleports, over 60 other manned locations, and around 3500 shared radio sites throughout the UK and Ireland including masts, towers and rooftops from under 30 to over 300 metres tall.

The company is owned by a consortium of investors led by Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group and has five operating divisions: Terrestrial Media Solutions, Satellite Media Solutions, Mobile Media Solutions, Wireless Solutions and Public Safety.

Major customers include ITV, Channel 4, Five, the BBC, BSkyB, Classic FM, the five UK mobile operators, the RNLI and the Metropolitan Police.

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