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Arqiva invites proposals for a new national digital terrestrial television channel

- **Channel slot available for launch in January 2009**

Arqiva has today announced that it is inviting proposals for an additional digital terrestrial television channel to launch on one of its DTT multiplexes. The new channel is to be made available from January 2009 and all interested parties are being invited to submit proposals by 22 October 2008.

Arqiva expects to award the new channel before the end of the year.

Arqiva is licence holder for multiplexes C and D, two of the six multiplexes which make up the UK's digital terrestrial television platform principally used by Freeview.

Freeview is the largest digital television platform in the UK with over 16.7 million homes equipped to receive up to 48 TV and 24 radio channels through a conventional aerial.

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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. There are three operating divisions:

Terrestrial Broadcast division provides transmission for all UK terrestrial TV broadcasters, including the new networks being built for the Digital Switch Over. Transmission is also provided for BBC Radio and most commercial radio stations, both analogue and DAB. The company owns and operates two of the six UK digital terrestrial TV multiplexes, enabling major media companies to bring their TV and radio services to Freeview.

Satellite & Media serves the broader needs of TV channel providers, media companies and corporate enterprises. Arqiva has end-to-end capability ranging from outside broadcasts, satellite newsgathering, studios and playout to satellite distribution and international connectivity via ten satellite teleports. Many of these services are offered in the US and Europe via offices and infrastructure in Washington DC, Los Angeles, Paris and Rome.

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Wireless Access division provides cellular, wireless broadband, voice and data solutions for the mobile communications, public safety, local government, and commercial markets. Arqiva is the largest independent provider of radio sites in the UK and Ireland. With its own spectrum, the company can provide complete mobile communications networks including backhaul links.

Arqiva has its headquarters near Winchester and other major UK offices in London, Warwick, Buckinghamshire and Yorkshire. The company is owned by a consortium of investors led by Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group. Major customers include the BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Five, BSkyB, Classic FM, the five UK mobile operators, the RNLI and the Metropolitan Police.

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