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### **Rumster Forest transmitter group - Arqiva completes Digital Switch Over**

Arqiva confirms that the Digital Switch Over process for the Rumster Forest transmitter group in Caithness and north Sutherland has been completed successfully.

All six\* digital TV multiplexes are being transmitted from the main station at Rumster Forest, while the three public-service multiplexes are being transmitted for the first time from four relay sites at Ben Tongue, Durness, Melvich and Thurso.

Following switch-off of the BBC Two analogue signal on 2 June 2010, the remaining analogue signals for BBC One, ITV1 and Channel 4 were switched off by 00:26 on Wednesday 16 June. The digital signals for the D3&4, SDN, BBC B, Arqiva A and Arqiva B multiplexes entered official service at Rumster Forest at 06:00, with the relays completed by 11:00.

Arqiva is the transmission provider for all terrestrial TV and most radio services in the UK.

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\* The SDN multiplex does not adopt final transmission parameters until 29 September 2010

#### **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 significant presence in Ireland, mainland Europe and the USA. There are three business units:

**Terrestrial Broadcast** 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.

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**Wireless Access** 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. Customers include major broadcasters such as the BBC, ITV, BSkyB and the independent radio groups, major telco providers including the UK's five mobile network operators, and the emergency services.

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