



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Digital Switch Over completed for Eitshal transmitter group**

Arqiva confirms that the Digital Switch Over process for the Eitshal transmitter group serving Lewis, Wester Ross, north-west Sutherland and parts of Harris and Skye has been completed successfully.

All six digital TV multiplexes are now being transmitted at high power from Eitshal, while the three public-service multiplexes are being transmitted for the first time from seven relay sites at Badachro, Ness of Lewis, Ullapool, Poolewe, Lochinver, Kinlochbervie HP/VP, and Staffin.

Following switch-off of the BBC Two analogue signal on 7 July 2010, the remaining analogue signals for BBC One, ITV1 and Channel 4 were switched off by 00:01 on Wednesday 21 July. The digital signals for the D3&4, SDN, BBC B, Arqiva A and Arqiva B multiplexes entered official service at Eitshal at 05:30, with the relays completed by 11:56.

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

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#### **About Arqiva**

Arqiva, the communications infrastructure and media services company, operates at the heart of the broadcast, satellite and mobile communications markets. The company is at the forefront of network solutions and services in the digital world. Arqiva provides much of the infrastructure behind television, radio, satellite 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.

**Satellite & Media** provides global communication platforms to enterprise, government and broadcast customers around the world. It owns and operates teleports at key locations including Los Angeles, Washington, London and Paris, as well as comprehensive satellite capacity, an international terrestrial fibre network and extensive media facilities. These enable Arqiva to provide world leading organisations with a comprehensive range of services to deliver their data, broadcasts and media across the globe.

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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, with other major UK offices in London, Warwick, Buckinghamshire and Yorkshire and international offices in the USA, France and Italy. 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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