

PRESS RELEASE

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Durris transmitter group - Arqiva confirms first stage of Digital Switch Over

Arqiva confirms that the first stage of the Digital Switch Over process for the Durris transmitter group, serving Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, has been implemented successfully.

The first digital TV multiplex is now being transmitted at high power from Durris and 13 relay sites at Balgownie, Banff, Boddam, Braemar, Brechin, Ellon, Gartley Moor, Gourdon, Lumphanan, Peterhead, Rosehearty, Tomintoul and Tullich.

The BBC Two analogue signal was switched off at 01:30 on Wednesday 1 September 2010 and the new high-power digital signal for the BBC A (PSB1) multiplex, which carries channels including BBC One, BBC Two, BBC Three, CBBC and BBC News, went into official service at 04:00 from Durris, with the last of the relays completed by 08:30.

Peter Heslop, DSO Programme Director at Arqiva, said: "We are pleased to confirm that the Durris transmitter group has successfully completed the first stage of Digital Switch Over. The remaining analogue services will be switched off in the early hours of 15 September when the other five multiplexes will be converted at Durris and the remaining two Public Service multiplexes added at the relay stations."

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:

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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 international satellite communications infrastructure, distributing video and data to enterprise, government and broadcast customers around the world. Arqiva also provides extensive media services through its playout, studios and mobile broadcasting facilities. Core assets include teleports and media hubs at key global locations including Los Angeles, Washington, London and Paris. These incorporate Arqiva's comprehensive satellite capacity and international terrestrial fibre network.

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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