

Press Release

National Grid Wireless announces first London-based trial of DRM

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National Grid Wireless (formerly Crown Castle UK), one of the UK's leading broadcast transmission infrastructure providers, has announced the first London-based trial of DRM (Digital Radio Mondiale). DRM is a new digital radio standard which could be used to replace existing analogue AM services with high quality digital sound, and could serve to complement DAB digital radio in the future.

The trial began on Monday, 31 October and will enable National Grid Wireless to examine the applicability of the standard for listeners and broadcasters. National Grid Wireless is working with broadcast partners Virgin Radio, talkSPORT Radio, Kiss 100FM and BBC World Service. In addition the transmission equipment partner for the trial is RIZ Transmitters Co.

John Ward, director, network operations and engineering, commenting on the trial said: "This trial comes on the 10th anniversary of the switch-on of the first BBC DAB transmitter and demonstrates the commitment of National Grid Wireless to remain at the forefront of broadcast transmission technologies."

The trial will take place from National Grid Wireless' Crystal Palace site and will operate on 26.080 MHz at an ERP of 400 Watts for approximately six weeks.

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