

NEWS ALERT

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CANAL OVERSEAS CHOOSES ARQIVA TO BROADCAST ALL ITS PACKAGES

Channels moved from the edition sites to the Arqiva backup operating centre. Analysis of programmes and composition of the packages to ensure the continuity of services to subscribers to paying television in Overseas territories and Africa.

In the framework of a call for tender initiated by CANAL OVERSEAS, Arqiva was chosen to secure the operating centre of the company's channels. The aim is to guarantee the broadcasting of paying television services to subscribers.

The service consists of partially duplicating the CANAL OVERSEAS operating centre. A "parallel" operating centre will therefore be set up in the Arqiva infrastructure. This centre will allow the broadcasting of the main channels of the CANAL OVERSEAS package in the event of a major malfunction or incident at the main operating centre. If this occurs, the changeover from the main operating centre to the backup operating centre will take place within one hour maximum, to provide the best service to subscribers.

To live up to this new challenge, Arqiva relies on its expertise in the field of operating centre management. The enlargement of its infrastructure at the Paris - Boulogne teleport now allows it to group 60 channels from different editors, analyse all of its channels to reconstitute each CANAL OVERSEAS package for Overseas territories and Africa.

"We already work with Arqiva for our satellite transmission in Overseas territories and Africa. By proposing this innovative and efficient solution, Arqiva has been able to prove its expertise whilst respecting our budgetary constraints" said Marc Noblet, Technical director of CANAL OVERSEAS.

"The tried and tested experience and ingenuity of our teams have allowed the development of a new, robust and competitive solution. We are perfectly operational and motivated by the new challenges that have come our way and are well placed to answer swiftly and efficiently the increasing demands of the market. We are proud of and delighted with this new collaboration with the CANAL OVERSEAS group" said Denis Chambon, director of Arqiva in France.

About CANAL OVERSEAS

CANAL OVERSEAS is the subsidiary of CANAL+ responsible for the international and French Overseas Territories' offer. CANAL OVERSEAS is the operator for CANAL+, CANALSAT and channel packages throughout the world: Poland, Northern Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, in the Indian Ocean, the Caribbean and the Oceania/South Pacific area. CANAL OVERSEAS also edits the CANAL+ HORIZONS channel for Sub-Saharan Africa and CANAL+ in Northern Africa. With satellites that cover 4 continents CANAL OVERSEAS packages are marketed in over 40 countries and are potentially accessible to several million people in the world.

About ARQIVA

Arqiva works at the heart of the broadcasting and mobile telecommunications market by offering first class network solutions and services in a constantly growing digital world. The company provides most of the television, radio and wireless communication infrastructures in the United Kingdom and is developing in Europe and the United States. It is composed of:

- Terrestrial television: broadcasts all the terrestrial television channels in the United Kingdom, including the new networks developed for when analogical television is switched off. The department also broadcasts the BBC Radio programmes and the majority of commercial radios, both analogically and by DAB. Arqiva owns and manages two of its six Terrestrial digital television multiplexes in the United Kingdom, thus allowing the main channels to broadcast their TV and radio programmes through the Freeview package.*
- Satellite & Media: answers the majority of needs of television channels, media and companies. Arqiva offers a complete range of services such as coverage of outdoor events, transmission of programmes via satellite, studio rental, broadcast by satellite and international connectivity through ten teleports. All these services are offered in the United States and Europe in the Arqiva offices and infrastructures in Washington DC, Los Angeles, Paris and Rome.*
- Wireless access: offers solutions to cellular, wireless, voice and data networks in the mobile phone, public security, administration and advertising sectors. Arqiva is the largest independent provider of radio-electric sites in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Through its own infrastructure, the company provides complete telecommunications networks which also include backhaul links.*
- Arqiva, whose main office is in Winchester, also has more offices in London Warwick and in Buckinghamshire as well as Yorkshire. The company belongs to a group of investors headed by Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group. Its many clients include: the BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Five, BSkyB, Classic FM, the five operators in the United Kingdom, the RNLI and the Metropolitan Police.*

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