



PRESS RELEASE

Satellite Earth Station Installed for BBC Alba Service

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BeaconSeek have just completed the installation of a 4m earth station uplink station at the MG ALBA studio centre in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Scotland. The uplink is to provide a full transmission capability for MG ALBA to supply programming to the new BBC ALBA Gaelic language service. This new service is being transmitted on BSkyB on Sky channel 168 and Freesat channel 110, serving Gaelic language speakers across the United Kingdom.

BeaconSeek installed an ASC Signal 4m Ku-band uplink antenna complete with full transmission chain equipment and remote control capability for driving the antenna. Uisdean Macleod, Technical Manager for MG ALBA, said "BeaconSeek have done a first class job, providing a very high level of expertise and quality of work. We're delighted with the finished project."

Jonathan Higgins, Managing Director of BeaconSeek, commented "We're delighted in the end result for MG ALBA. The project was challenging in terms of logistics of moving personnel and equipment to and from the Outer Hebrides, but the result is a superior uplink facility that will serve MG ALBA for years to come."

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About BeaconSeek

BeaconSeek is a consultancy, project management, and systems integration firm specializing in the use of satellite and wireless technology for mobile & fixed networks, particularly for microwave, VSAT, & SNG applications. BeaconSeek provides solutions for corporate and government networks via the use of VSAT networks, as well as broadcast newsgathering & event coverage for television, radio, and the web.

About MG ALBA

In partnership with the BBC, MG ALBA has established BBC ALBA, the Gaelic digital service. MG ALBA is committed to securing the distribution of BBC ALBA on all digital platforms and a sustainable future for Gaelic broadcasting. MG ALBA also works with producers to promote development, training and the use of Gaelic as the working language of the Gaelic production sector.