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BeaconSeek Completes Satellite Transmission Facilities for STV

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BeaconSeek Ltd, a UK-based satellite systems integration, project management and consultancy firm, has just completed the installation and commissioning of satellite transmission facilities for STV's new Broadcast Centre at Pacific Quay in Glasgow.

BeaconSeek supplied and installed two fully motorized Patriot 2.4 metre Batwing satellite antennas, RF equipment, and a remote control system for the new satellite transmission facility, meeting the requirements of both STV and Setanta Sports for their satellite connectivity at Pacific Quay.

Gary Welsh, Head of Broadcast Technology for STV, comments "We initially approached BeaconSeek to do some consultancy for our new Broadcast Centre. With systems as complex as satellite links we felt a 'one-stop shop' would work well for us. BeaconSeek collected our requirements and delivered exactly what we required, from consultancy, budget costs, and equipment specification - to ultimately supply, installation, and training."

Jonathan Higgins, Managing Director of BeaconSeek, notes "We were delighted to be awarded the contract for the facility, and STV are the first to be using this size of Patriot Batwing antenna in the UK. We worked closely with STV in defining the requirement, and providing detailed support for this part of the new Broadcast Centre, as well as supplying, installing, and commissioning the equipment."

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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 STV

STV's broadcasting business incorporates two licences – one for the north of Scotland and one for central Scotland. STV's wide range of programming reflects Scotland's distinctive political, legal, educational, cultural and sporting institutions via news, current affairs and non-news programming, including original drama and factual documentaries. Broadcasting since 1957, STV produces a rich and varied range of genre including cutting edge drama, special election programming and original documentary. STV's headquarters are in Glasgow on the banks of the Clyde. STV's licence for the STV North of Scotland was granted in 1961 and is the largest transmission area of any ITV licensee. STV North is based in Aberdeen, with news studios in Dundee and Inverness covering Tayside, North Fife, the Highlands and Islands.