

## Nigeria: NBC approves additional radio licenses

Film Laboratory and Production Services Limited (FILAPS), the operators of the Kano-based Freedom Radio, has been granted additional FM radio broadcast licenses by the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC).

The broadcast firm was granted the licenses to operate in four major cities across the North, bringing to six the total number of radio stations to be operated by Freedom Radio. The station is already operating in Kano and Jigawa. It commenced FM radio broadcast in Kano in December 2003 and in February 2007 it added another station in Dutse, Jigawa State.

Announcing the approval at a news conference in Kano last week, managing director of Freedom Radio, Alhaji Faruk Dalhatu, said the licenses are for one additional FM station in Kano, and three for FM radio broadcast in Kaduna, Sokoto and Maiduguri.

He said with six stations in its stable, it would become a major player in the radio broadcast industry in Nigeria. He said the company has also applied for more licenses to operate in Katsina, Lagos, Warri, Port Harcourt and Abuja.

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