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Ultra Electronics Holdings plc
("Ultra" or "the Group")

Ultra acquires Atkins & Partners Ltd for £4m

Ultra announces the acquisition of Atkins & Partners Ltd ("Atkins") for a consideration of £4m.

Atkins, established in 1991 and based near Doncaster, UK, specialises in the supply of software solutions for emergency planning, command & control, crisis & incident management and computer based training & briefing. Atkins's customer base includes the MoD, central government, police and other emergency services.

Ultra has worked closely with Atkins since 2004 and its specialist software is a key element of the command and control system being provided by Ultra at Halifax Port, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The acquisition of Atkins will be financed using Ultra's existing facilities and is expected to be earnings accretive in 2008.

Atkins will become part of Datel, a business within Ultra's Aircraft & Vehicle Systems division.

Douglas Caster, Ultra's Chief Executive, commented:

"I am pleased to see Atkins become part of the Ultra Group following a period of successful teaming. Its addition to Ultra's portfolio enhances the Group's ability to provide modern homeland security solutions for which there is an increasing demand worldwide."

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Ultra Electronics is a group of specialist businesses designing, manufacturing and supporting electronic and electromechanical systems, sub-systems and products for defence, security and aerospace applications worldwide.

Ultra, which employs 3,100 people in the UK and North America, focuses on high integrity sensing, control, communication and display systems with an emphasis on integrated information technology solutions. The Group concentrates on obtaining a technological edge in niche markets, with many of its products and technologies being market leaders in their field.

Ultra's products and services are used on aircraft, ships, submarines, armoured vehicles, surveillance systems, airports and transport systems around the world. Ultra also plays an important role in supporting prime contractors by undertaking specialist system and sub-system integration using the combined expertise of the Group businesses.

Ultra is organised into three divisions as follows:

Aircraft & Vehicle Systems including miniature airborne compressors; high integrity software and systems; aircraft system electronics; aircraft cockpit indicators; aircraft noise and vibration control systems; airframe protection systems, armoured vehicle electronic information and control systems; human/computer interface equipment and shared working environment solutions.

Information & Power Systems including command and control systems equipment; weapons interfacing electronics; radar tracking; electro optical tracking; surveillance systems; naval data processing and distribution; airport and airline information management systems; ID card systems; naval power conversion; signature management of naval vessels; transit system power conversion and control.

Tactical & Sonar Systems including secure tactical line-of-sight radio systems, multiplexers and switches; secure video-conferencing systems; voice communication systems; tactical data links; cryptographic equipment; active, passive and multi-static sonobuoys; sonobuoy receivers and processors; distributed surveillance sensor arrays; ship's sonar systems; acoustic countermeasure systems and ship's torpedo defence systems.