

# press information

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

## **Ultra acquires BCF Designs Ltd for £12.5m**

Ultra announces the acquisition of BCF Designs Ltd ("BCF") for a cash consideration, subject to net asset adjustment on completion, of £12.5m.

BCF specialises in the design and production of electronic test solutions for the military and civil aerospace markets. Its customers include the UK MoD, the US DoD and many other defence agencies worldwide together with commercial customers such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems. BCF's niche areas of activity include customised equipment to test aircraft fuel systems, avionics data bus networks and protective filters for electronic systems. The test equipment is able to test many aircraft types and BCF also supplies the interconnecting wiring harnesses which are tailored to suit specific variants of each aircraft. In addition, BCF provides a full range of customer training, equipment calibration and support services.

BCF, established in 1992, employs forty people in Cirencester, UK and four at its marketing and support centre in Virginia, US. Organisationally, BCF will be part of Ultra's Electrics business which is based in Cheltenham within the Group's Aircraft & Vehicle Systems division.

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

### **Douglas Caster, Chief Executive of Ultra, commented:**

"BCF's products complement Ultra's existing fixed and rotary wing military aircraft systems and wiring harness capabilities. The acquisition of BCF augments Ultra's range of specialist solutions by supplying equipment that provides a safety, test and validation capability in support of many types of military and civil aircraft 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.