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

## **Interim Management Statement**

Ultra is today publishing its first Interim Management Statement in accordance with rule 4.3 of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the UK Listing Authority. It relates to the period from the start of January to date. Ultra's Annual General Meeting will be held today at 10.00 a.m.

Conditions in Ultra's markets remain beneficial as noted on 25 February 2008 at the time of the preliminary announcement of the Group's 2007 results. Ultra's broad portfolio and spread of niche market positions continue to underpin the Group's performance.

Trading in the year to date has been encouraging and in line with the Board's expectations.

- The Group announced two acquisitions in the period, Magneto Inductive Systems Limited (\$22m) and Harris Acoustics (\$7m). Completion of both these acquisitions is expected by the end of June. Ultra is still actively targeting companies that have a proven track record and that can bring enhanced value to the Group.
- The Group won further significant orders in the period. These included a \$23m contract to supply ADSI command and control systems to the US Navy and an order for enhanced tactical radios for the US Army valued at \$30m.
- Ultra's civil and military aircraft system development programmes are progressing satisfactorily and the delays announced in respect of some of these platforms will not materially impact Ultra's 2008 results.
- Results from the Group's businesses are encouraging and in particular, Ultra's strategic focus on battlespace IT is yielding benefits with good operational performance in the year to date in those businesses.

Ultra's balance sheet remains strong and there have been no significant changes in the financial position of the Group since that reported as at 31 December 2007, other than the acquisitions noted above which were funded through an increase in bank borrowings.

Demand in all of Ultra's main markets remains strong and the size of available budgets gives significant headroom for further growth. The Group's order book gives Ultra its customary level of visibility and reflects its position on a wide range of international platforms and programmes. The Board is confident that Ultra's performance in the first half will be in line with expectations and that the Group will continue to make good progress in 2008.

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Ultra undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward looking statement contained within this announcement, regardless of whether those statements are affected as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, save as required by law and regulations.

**Further information about Ultra:**

**Ultra Electronics** is a group of specialist advanced technology businesses that design, manufacture and support electronic and electromechanical systems, sub-systems and products for defence, security, aerospace and transport applications worldwide.

Ultra, which employs 3,200 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 system test equipment; aircraft cockpit indicators; aircraft noise and vibration control systems; airframe protection systems, armoured vehicle electronic information and control systems; human/computer interface equipment and crisis information management systems.

**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 and magneto-inductive 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.