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

ULTRA WINS \$45M CONTRACTS TO SUPPLY ADVANCED COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO US ARMY AND MARINE CORPS

Ultra announces that it has received contracts worth over \$45m to supply its advanced battlespace IT equipment to the US Army and Marine Corps. Its Tactical Communication Systems ("TCS") business in Montreal, Canada has won contracts worth over \$40m to supply enhanced tactical radios to the US Army and US Marine Corps. The contracts have been awarded by the Canadian Commercial Corporation acting on behalf of the US Department of Defense. Ultra will supply upgraded versions of its High Capacity Line of Sight (HCLOS) radios that already form the core of the wideband tactical radios system used by US armed forces engaged in land operations.

The first contract is worth \$33m and is for radios and associated equipment for the US Army's Warfighter Information Network – Transformation (WIN-T) programme. The second contract, worth \$10m, is for radios and other equipment for the highly transportable AN/MRC-142 communication systems used by the US Marine Corps.

In addition, Ultra's DNE Technologies ("DNE") business based in Wallingford, Connecticut, US has received a contract valued at over \$3m to provide its specialist communications network access control and data management equipment as part of the same AN/MRC-142 renewal programme.

Ultra's advanced radio products serve as the backbone of a modern tactical line-of-sight communication network. They provide secure battlefield trunk telephone and high capacity data telecommunication services to link battlefield theatre commanders and their combat forces. The system accommodates ethernet networks, e-mail and near-real-time video transmissions in addition to the usual voice communications. Ultra's tactical communications systems are secure, recognising that attempts will constantly be made to intercept radio traffic or to jam transmissions.

Douglas Caster, Chief Executive of Ultra, commented:

"Ultra continues to enhance the capabilities of the battlespace IT products it supplies to the US and other armed forces around the world. WIN-T is a major programme to enhance US military communications capabilities and I am pleased that Ultra's well-proven high capacity radios are a key part of it. For the MRC-142 renewal programme, both TCS and DNE will supply advanced, reliable tactical communications equipment that will enhance the warfighting capabilities of the US Marine Corps."

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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.