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

Ultra wins US\$20m ASW equipment contract for US Navy

Ultra announces that its Flightline Systems business, based in Rochester, New York, USA, has been awarded a multi-year contract by Lockheed Martin to provide state-of-the-art, software-defined sonobuoy receivers for the US Navy's MH-60R ("Romeo") Anti-Submarine Warfare ("ASW") helicopter programme. The contract for the first production lot of sonobuoy receivers is worth about US\$4m and the full contract value is \$21m. In addition, the contract contains priced options, which can be exercised over the six year contract term, which total an additional US\$38m.

Sonobuoy receivers are fitted to fixed and rotary wing aircraft that perform the ASW role. Sonobuoys are expendable acoustic sensors that are deployed in the sea to detect submarines. Sonobuoys transmit signals which are detected by the sonobuoy receivers that comprise part of the mission system in ASW aircraft. The signals are then processed by the mission system to determine submarine type, range, bearing and other information.

Ultra is the world's leading supplier of sonobuoy receivers and provides systems for maritime patrol aircraft, anti-submarine warfare helicopters and surface combatants world wide. Ultra also supplies the majority of the free world's sonobuoys.

For the MH-60R programme, Ultra will supply sonobuoy receivers configured with the advanced Sonobuoy Positioning System ("SPS"), a feature that allows the helicopter to determine the position of the deployed sonobuoys from some distance, thereby enhancing its operational flexibility. In addition to SPS, the Ultra sonobuoy receiver will include sophisticated features that enhance the potential of the receiver for use in other, non-ASW applications within an advanced mission system.

Douglas Caster, Chief Executive of Ultra, commented:

"The commitment of the US Navy to procuring over two hundred MH-60 Romeo helicopters for anti-submarine warfare helps underpin future demand for ASW products, not just the mission equipment such as receivers but also the sonobuoys that will be consumed once the Romeo is in service. Ultra is pleased to be supplying its innovative system solutions to Lockheed Martin and to the US Navy for this prestigious programme."

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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.