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Ultra Electronics Command & Sonar Systems
(“Ultra CSS”)

Ultra Electronics Command & Sonar Systems
to supply new sonobuoys to UK MoD

Ultra Electronics Command & Sonar Systems has been awarded an order for sonobuoys (air-dropped acoustic submarine detection devices) to be produced for the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) over the next three years (2019-2021), with an option to include additional sonobuoy deliveries for another three years, potentially taking the contract to 2024.

This latest order builds on the long-term relationship that Ultra has with the MoD, having delivered sonobuoys to the MoD over the last 15 years.

Managing Director of Ultra Electronics Command & Sonar Systems, Mike Williams, said: “Sonobuoys remain the backbone of our business, and we are delighted to receive this order for the MoD. We highly value their trust in us and our ongoing relationship.”

Ultra CSS began manufacturing sonobuoys at its Greenford facility in 1949 and has made nearly 1.3 million units to date at that facility.

Director Helicopters at the MoD’s procurement agency, Defence Equipment and Support, Graham Russell said: “This contract with Ultra demonstrates how we, in Defence Equipment and Support, are building on collaborative relationships with industry to deliver innovative equipment to the UK Armed Forces. As a supplier of sonobuoys to the UK Royal Navy, it ensures that this equipment remains in-service and readily available for years to come.”

Ultra is a pioneer and world leader in sonobuoy technology. Separately to this new MoD contract, its design engineers are also currently working on a miniaturisation programme, which could ultimately see the sonobuoys it makes reduce in size and weight but improve in performance.

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Ultra is a specialist international electrical and electronics engineering company. The Group operates predominantly in defence and other highly regulated markets with particular expertise in the maritime, and C3 (command, communication, and control including cyber) domains. Ultra is a sub-system and systems provider, focused on providing mission specific, bespoke solutions for its customers.