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

## ULTRA AWARDED COMMAND & CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

Ultra announces that its Maritime Systems business, based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, has been awarded a contract from the Halifax Port Authority valued at C\$8million for the provision of the Halifax Port Authority Command And Control System (HPACCS).

The Ultra HPACCS solution includes the ability to detect and track small vessels and to initiate alarms on incursion into predetermined zones. The system will display radar tracks on electronic charts, annotate them with data transmitted by the vessel's Automatic Information System (AIS) transponder and automatically cue cameras onto targets of interest using intelligent object recognition, tracking and scene analysis. The system incorporates access control, perimeter fence monitoring, chemical detection and an incident management solution. The Ultra solution provides appropriate levels of information and secure access to a diverse group of regional users such as port police, port operations staff, first responders, harbour pilots and other approved agencies. Users will be able to access the system via the Internet through an intuitive web portal and view real-time vessel locations incorporating AIS data and Lloyd's registry information. The system will highlight those vessels carrying dangerous or hazardous cargo and also delivers a comprehensive port management suite incorporating vessel scheduling and berth management, harbour pilot scheduling, billing and maritime security alert management within a single integrated platform.

As the most easterly full-service container port in North America with one of the largest and deepest natural harbours in the world, the Port of Halifax delivers more mainline global container services to more continents than any other Canadian port.

**Douglas Caster, Chief Executive Officer of Ultra, commented,** "We are pleased to have been selected by the Halifax Port Authority to supply the first fully integrated command and control and port security solution in Canada. Ultra's robust, flexible and highly reliable solution combines best-of-breed technologies and will underpin the Group's continuing success in the fast-growing homeland security market."

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## Notes to editors:

**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 3,000 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; 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.