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

## **ULTRA SELLS SURFACE SHIP TORPEDO DEFENCE SYSTEMS TO TURKISH NAVY**

Ultra has been awarded a contract on behalf of the Turkish Navy for its Sea Sentor Surface Ship Torpedo Defence (SSTD) system, which protects vessels from torpedo attacks. The initial contract, for one system plus support for the Turkish Navy's MILGEM ship programme, is worth €3 million, with a further eleven ships planned to be built. Ultra will supply an adaptation of the SSTD systems supplied to, and in service with, the Royal Navy. The contract was awarded to Ultra by Havelsan on behalf of the MILGEM consortium, with whom Ultra will work closely.

Ultra's Sea Sentor system detects and locates incoming torpedoes, gives tactical advice on ship manoeuvres and provides capabilities to decoy or defeat the torpedo threat. It consists of a towed array which pays out from a winch situated at the stern of the vessel and streams in the sea. It includes a flexible towed body acoustic decoy and a passive acoustic sensor. The incoming torpedoes, tracked by the system using the passive acoustic towed array, are diverted away from the vessel by the decoy. The system also includes expendable acoustic decoys which are launched from the vessel's port and starboard launchers as directed by the evasive tactics.

There are three main adaptations of Sea Sentor for the Turkish requirement. These are remote operation of the winch from the bridge, additional sonar displays for the operator interface and the introduction of an interface to allow the acoustic decoys to be programmed whilst in the launcher.

### **Douglas Caster, Chief Executive of Ultra, commented:**

"This is a significant contract award as it is the first export sale of Ultra's SSTD system and one that has been secured in open, international competition. I understand this contract to be the first significant sale by a UK defence company to Turkey since 1999. It is another example of Ultra providing innovative system solutions to customers worldwide."

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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.