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SEA SECURES CONTRACT TO SUPPLY SONAR 2050TR TRANSDUCER TO UK ROYAL NAVY

Cohort plc subsidiary SEA has been awarded a contract from Ultra Electronics to supply transducers as part of the Sonar 2050 Technology Refresh programme (S2050TR) for the Royal Navy.

SEA has signed a five-year contract with Ultra that will cover the duration of the Type 23 programme; this has also strengthened SEA's hopes of contributing to the Type 26 Global Combat Ship programme.

The £2 million contract, comprising eight ship sets, will support the replacement of the Sonar 2050 systems on the RN's current Type 23 frigates, enhancing a world-leading hull-mounted sonar capability that provides persistent surveillance against submarine and torpedo threats.

SEA will upgrade its established Tonpilz Transducer design to produce a new unit that will meet Ultra's requirements to fit its novel Digital Array Module design.

SEA Managing Director Steve Hill said: "This significant contract with Ultra is the start of an exciting few years for SEA and it will demonstrate our continued ability to support the Royal Navy T23 frigates. In addition, the agreement is important in helping us to play a role in the future RN programmes, besides supporting Ultra's sonar capability for a growing global market."

SEA has an established pedigree in sonar systems and has been supplying S2050 transducers and their relevant upgrades for the RN and export markets since 1980.

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Notes to Editors:

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SEA was acquired by Cohort plc in 2007 and today is a major supplier of applied research, technology development, systems integration, specialist electronic systems, engineering and software design services to the defence and security markets. Its engineering and project management skills include naval communications systems, maritime combat systems, through-life support, dismantled soldier systems, subsea engineering and traffic enforcement. Complementing its work for the UK Ministry of Defence, SEA is growing its business overseas and extending its expertise into adjacent markets,

including offshore, railways and roads. SEA employs circa 300 high-calibre staff and has offices in Beckington, Bristol, Barnstaple and Aberdeen.

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