

## News Release

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### **QUEEN'S AWARD FORMALLY PRESENTED TO MASS**

A Cambridgeshire-based defence technology company has been formally presented with the Queen's Award for International Trade – the UK's highest accolade for business success, at a ceremony at its St. Neots head office. It is the first time that MASS, part of Cohort plc, has won a Queen's Award.

MASS received the award for its innovative approach to Electronic Warfare Operational Support, cyber security and secure ICT networks and in recognition of work conducted with overseas customers, as well as the UK Ministry of Defence and other Government departments.

Her Majesty's representative, the Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Sir Hugh Duberly KCVO, CBE, presented MASS Managing Director Ashley Lane with an engraved cut glass bowl as well as the official scroll. Before the presentation, Sir Hugh and Councillor Sebastian Kindersley, Chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council were given a tour of the company's facilities in St Neots including its Cyber Security Operations Centre.

The Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire commented on the award: "As the Queen's Representative within Cambridgeshire I am delighted to be here to present this prestigious Award to MASS for the excellent work that they have done for International Trade."

Managing Director Ashley Lane added: "Our export business is an important part of our portfolio, and we are optimistic that this will continue to grow despite the current uncertainties over the EU. We were honoured to receive this award, the most prestigious for businesses in the UK."

*Photo caption: Sir Hugh Duberly KCVO, CBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, on behalf of The Queen presents Ashley Lane, Managing Director of MASS with the Queen's Award for International Trade.*

*L to R shows Chris Stanley (EWOS & Cyber Security Director, MASS), Sir Hugh Duberly KCVO (Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire), Ashley Lane (Managing Director, MASS), and Councillor Sebastian Kindersley (Chairman, Cambridgeshire County Council)*

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**Notes to Editors:**

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**MASS**, acquired by Cohort plc in 2006, is an Electronic Warfare Operational Support, cyber security and secure ICT networks business serving customers primarily in defence and security markets. MASS delivers tailored, integrated solutions that are critical to customers' ability to deliver effective operations. An intrinsic expertise in system engineering and project management enables MASS to deliver through-life capability in the form of high technology solutions, training and trusted managed services, underpinned by a contract research and development capability. MASS also utilises these capabilities to serve the government, business and education markets.

Based near St. Neots, Cambridgeshire, with a state-of-the-art training facility in Lincoln, MASS employs over 230 people, including operational and technical experts, academics, engineers and technical specialists.

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