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HUGHES and Ultra Electronics Partner to Demonstrate an Integrated “Never-Out-of-Touch” Tactical Communications Solution for Coalition Forces

*SATCOM Capabilities with High Capacity Line-of-Sight Tactical Communications
Provide Seamless Connectivity and Range Extension While On-The-Move*

Germantown, Maryland, U.S. and Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 17, 2009—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, and Ultra Electronics Tactical Communication Systems (Ultra TCS), the premier global supplier of High Capacity Line-of-Sight (HCLOS™) radio communication systems, are demonstrating at LandWarNet 2009 their integrated “Never-Out-of-Touch” tactical communications solution. The solution combines the high reliability Ultra TCS HCLOS radio communication system with Hughes commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) products and beyond-line-of-sight SATCOM capabilities.

The U.S. military and NATO Coalition forces currently use the Ultra TCS AN/GRC-245 (HCLOS) radio in combat theatres around the world. Combined with the Hughes HX System, utilizing Ku-, Ka-, or X-band antennas and routers, the integrated HCLOS and SATCOM radio provides a high reliability solution to seamlessly extend communications in mountainous or difficult terrains.

“We are pleased to partner with Hughes in demonstrating to U.S. and Coalition forces a commercially-proven product combined with our combat-proven HCLOS radio to provide range extension capability in a small transit case,” states Iwan Jemczyk, president of Ultra TCS.

The flexibility of this integrated system to provide both satellite connectivity and range extension of HCLOS radios results in an innovative “Never-Out-of-Touch” communications solution. Optimized for on-the-move (OTM) communications, it makes efficient use of SATCOM bandwidth and employs a common man-machine interface (MMI) on a standard laptop computer to control the HCLOS and the Hughes HX System.

“Many U.S. military units and Coalition forces currently are based in areas with mountainous or difficult terrains, where ensuring seamless communications beyond-line-of-sight and OTM is critical,” added Rick Lober, vice president and general manager of the Defense & Intelligence Systems Division (DISD), Hughes. “We are pleased to partner with Ultra TCS to demonstrate this capability at LandWarNet 2009.”

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Capable of OTM, at-the-halt (ATH), or at fixed sites, the integrated “Never-Out-of-Touch” communications solution is ideal for field operations. Lightweight, with a small footprint, it is easy to set up and compatible with fielded equipment; an upgrade kit for deployed equipment also will be available.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) is the global leader in providing broadband satellite networks and services for large enterprises, governments, small businesses, and consumers. HughesNet[®] encompasses all broadband solutions and managed services from Hughes, bridging the best of satellite and terrestrial technologies. Its broadband satellite products are based on global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU standards organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A and GMR-1. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 1.9 million systems to customers in over 100 countries.

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About Ultra Electronics – Tactical Communication Systems (Ultra TCS)

Ultra TCS is one of 22 businesses within the Ultra Electronics Group. It has been delivering tactical radios and turn-key communication systems for over 30 years. Fielding more than 30,000 radios over its history, Ultra TCS is the premier global supplier of high-reliability, high capacity tactical radios. Ultra TCS also provides turn-key communications solutions and a suite of Electronic Warfare (EW) systems. For additional information, please visit www.ultra-tcs.com.

About Ultra Electronics

Ultra Electronics is an internationally successful defense and aerospace company with a long and consistent track record of development and growth. Ultra businesses constantly innovate to create solutions to customer requirements that are different from and better than those of the Group’s competitors. The Group has over one hundred distinct market or technology niches within its twenty two businesses. The diversity of niches enables Ultra to contribute to a large number of defense, aerospace and civil platforms and programs and provides resilience to the Group’s financial performance.

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