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

## **Result of AGM**

Ultra Electronics Holdings plc held its Annual General Meeting ("AGM") at noon today at the Company's registered office at 35 Portman Square, London W1H 6LR. A poll was conducted on each Resolution and all Resolutions were passed by the requisite majority.

The voting results for the Resolutions tabled at the meeting are as follows:

Resolution		For		Against		Tatal	%			
		Number of Votes	% of Votes	Number of Votes	% of Votes	Total Votes Cast	Issued Share Capital Voted	Votes Withheld*		
OR	ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS (requiring a simple majority of votes cast to be carried)									
01	To receive the 2020 Annual Report	63,094,641	100.00%	200	0.00%	63,094,841	88.59%	98,981		
02	To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report	56,366,605	98.49%	861,588	1.51%	57,228,193	80.35%	5,965,629		
03	To approve the Final Dividend	63,192,529	100.00%	150	0.00%	63,192,679	88.72%	1,143		
04	To elect Lt Gen (Ret) K W Hunzeker	63,179,253	99.98%	11,948	0.02%	63,191,201	88.72%	2,621		
05	To re-elect Mr. M. Broadhurst	62,386,532	99.84%	99,085	0.16%	62,485,617	87.73%	708,205		
06	To re-elect Ms. G. Gopalan	63,088,870	99.84%	101,076	0.16%	63,189,946	88.72%	3,876		
07	To re-elect Ms. V. Hull	63,090,277	99.84%	98,576	0.16%	63,188,853	88.72%	4,969		
08	To re-elect Mr. S.	63,178,594	99.98%	12,441	0.02%	63,191,035	88.72%	2,787		

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	To re-elect Mr. W.						- 4 4		
09	A. Rice	45,192,941	77.70%	12,968,034	22.30%	58,160,975	81.66%	5,032,847	
	To re-elect Mr. M. J.								
10	Sclater	63,185,561	99.99%	5,474	0.01%	63,191,035	88.72%	2,787	
	To re-elect Mr. D. J.	00 005 040	00 500/	000 400	0.400/	00.400.070	00 700/	4.750	
11	Shook	62,925,642	99.58%	263,428	0.42%	63,189,070	88.72%	4,752	
40	To re-appoint	04 000 050	07.500/	4 500 000	0.470/	00 400 707	00.700/	2.005	
12	Deloitte as Auditors To authorise the	61,629,958	97.53%	1,560,839	2.47%	63,190,797	88.72%	3,025	
	Directors to agree								
	auditor's								
13	remuneration	62,307,165	98.60%	883,365	1.40%	63,190,530	88.72%	3,292	
	To authorise								
	Directors to allot								
14	shares	60,833,247	96.27%	2,359,326	3.73%	63,192,573	88.72%	1,249	
SPI	SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS (requiring 75% of votes cast to be carried)								
	To dis-apply pre-								
15	emption rights - 5%	63,102,134	99.98%	13,339	0.02%	63,115,473	88.62%	78,349	
	To dis-apply pre-								
	emption rights -								
	additional 5% in								
	certain								
16	circumstances	59,184,961	93.77%	3,930,232	6.23%	63,115,193	88.62%	78,629	
	To authorise the								
	Company to								
, -	purchase its own	00.400.000	00.000/	004.007	4.400/	00 000 707	00.500/	100.055	
17	shares	62,402,380	98.90%	691,387	1.10%	63,093,767	88.59%	100,055	
	To permit General								
	Meetings to be								
10	called on 14 days'	60 412 966	05 600/	2 779 001	4.400/	62 101 057	00 720/	1 065	
18	notice	60,413,866	95.60%	2,778,091	4.40%	63,191,957	88.72%	1,865	

<sup>\*</sup>A vote withheld is not a vote in law and is not counted towards votes cast "For" or "Against" a resolution.

The total voting rights of the Company as at 6.30pm on 10 May 2021, the day on which shareholders had to be on the register in order to be eligible to vote, was 71,223,510.

In accordance with Listing Rule 9.2.2E, Resolutions 4-7 inclusive and Resolutions 9 and 11 were approved by: (a) the shareholders of the Company; and (b) the independent shareholders of the Company.

A copy of the full voting results will be available on the Company's website <a href="www.ultra.group">www.ultra.group</a> and, in accordance with Listing Rule 9.6.2, the full text of the resolutions passed at the AGM may be found in the Notice of AGM dated 14 April 2021 also available on the Company's website and from the National Storage Mechanism at <a href="https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism">https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism</a>.

#### Resolution 9 - To re-elect Mr. W. A. Rice

The Board notes that while Resolution 9 to re-elect W.A. Rice, Chair and Chairman of the Nomination Committee, was passed, a significant minority of shareholders (22.3%) chose not to support this resolution. Having consulted with major shareholders extensively in recent weeks, the Board understands that shareholders' primary concern was that Ultra has not yet met the Hampton-Alexander target of 33% of women on our Board (currently 25%).

The Board and Nomination Committee are disappointed by this vote. Our Chair is a strong advocate of diversity and has been instrumental in overseeing and supporting a large scale and necessary cultural change and transformation across Ultra.

As published in our Annual Report, Ultra supports the recommendations of the Hampton-Alexander review and is committed to working towards achieving the Hampton-Alexander gender target as the Board continues to be refreshed. However, the Board does not think it is appropriate to be time-bound to meet this target as it potentially leads to recruitment solely or principally based on gender rather than focusing on finding the best candidate to deliver the broader diversity and experience that the Board believes is necessary to best support strategic delivery for all stakeholders.

The Board is grateful for the time and feedback provided by shareholders on these matters and will continue to engage with those shareholders who voted against this resolution to better understand their specific concerns. Ultra are currently in the middle of a recruitment process to appoint at least one new Non-Executive Director as a replacement for Martin Broadhurst who steps down from the board on 1 July 2021. Ultra will therefore publish an update on this matter, in accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code, within six months of the AGM.

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Ultra provides application-engineered solutions in the key elements of mission critical and intelligent systems. Through innovative problem solving, using sustainable capabilities, and evolving technologies, we deliver outstanding solutions to our customers' most complex problems in defence, security, critical detection and control environments.

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