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Cobham Group

### **Response to media speculation**

Following recent media speculation, Cobham Group ("Cobham") confirms that it is currently considering a possible combination with Ultra Electronics Holdings plc ("Ultra" or the "Company") with a view to creating a global defence electronics champion. Ultra and Cobham both have long heritage as innovators, and share advanced complementary capabilities delivering mission critical solutions to the US, UK and other key allies.

A number of structures are under consideration to effect such a combination, including a contribution of Cobham into Ultra in exchange for new Ultra shares or a possible offer for Ultra by Cobham.

There can be no certainty that any combination will result, and therefore there is no certainty that an offer will be made for Ultra or Cobham, nor as to the terms on which any such offer will be made.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, Cobham must, by not later than 5.00 p.m. on 23 July 2021 (being 28 days after today's date), either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Ultra in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline can be extended with the consent of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

A further announcement will be made in due course.

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*If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.*

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