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### RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION

of

### **ULTRA ELECTRONICS HOLDINGS PLC**

by

### **COBHAM ULTRA ACQUISITIONS LIMITED**

(a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Cobham Group Holdings Limited)

to be effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006

# **PUBLICATION OF SCHEME DOCUMENT**

On 16 August 2021, Ultra Electronics Holdings plc (the "Company" or "Ultra") and Cobham Ultra Acquisitions Limited ("Cobham"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Cobham Group Holdings Limited, announced that they had reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended all cash acquisition by Cobham of the entire issued, and to be issued, share capital of Ultra (the "Acquisition"), to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act (the "Scheme").

# **Publication of the Scheme Document**

Ultra announces that a circular in relation to the Scheme (the "**Scheme Document**") setting out, among other things, a letter from the Chairman of Ultra, an explanatory statement pursuant to section 897 of the Companies Act, the full terms and conditions of the Scheme, an expected timetable of principal events, notices of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting and details of the actions to be taken by Ultra Shareholders, has been published today, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Ultra's website at <a href="https://www.ultra.group">www.ultra.group</a> and on Cobham's website at <a href="https://www.cobham.com">www.ultra.group</a> and on Cobham's website at <a href="https://www.cobham.com">www.cobham.com</a>.

Hard copies of the Scheme Document (or, depending on Ultra Shareholders' communication preferences, a letter or email giving details of the website where the Scheme Document may be accessed) and Forms of Proxy for the Court Meeting and the General Meeting are being sent to Ultra Shareholders.

Capitalised terms used in this announcement (the "Announcement") shall, unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings as set out in the Scheme Document. All references to times in this Announcement are to London, United Kingdom times unless stated otherwise.

# Action required

As further detailed in the Scheme Document, in order to become Effective, the Scheme will require, among other things, that the requisite majority of: (i) eligible Scheme Shareholders vote

in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting; and (ii) eligible Ultra Shareholders vote in favour of the Special Resolution at the General Meeting. The Scheme must also be sanctioned by the Court. The Scheme is also subject to the satisfaction or (if capable of waiver) waiver of the other Conditions and further terms, as described more fully in the Scheme Document.

Notices convening the Court Meeting and the General Meeting to be held at The Hyatt Regency London, The Churchill, 30 Portman Square, London W1H 7BH at 11.00 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. (or immediately after the conclusion or adjournment of the Court Meeting) on 4 October 2021 respectively, are set out in the Scheme Document.

In addition to being able to attend, ask questions and vote (and/or, in the case of the Court Meeting, raise any objections) at the Court and/or General Meeting in person, Ultra Shareholders and Scheme Shareholders will also be able to attend, ask questions and vote (and/or, in the case of the Court Meeting, raise any objections) at the relevant Meeting remotely via the Virtual Meeting Platform, further details of which are set out in the Scheme Document and in the Virtual Meeting Guide.

Ultra Shareholders and Scheme Shareholders may also submit questions to be considered at the relevant Meeting at any time up to 48 hours before the relevant Meeting by emailing <a href="mailto:investor.relations@ultra-electronics.com">investor.relations@ultra-electronics.com</a> or on the day via the Virtual Meeting Platform.

Any changes to the arrangements for the Court Meeting and the General Meeting will be communicated to Ultra Shareholders and Scheme Shareholders before the Meetings, including through Ultra's website <a href="https://www.ultra.group">www.ultra.group</a> and by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted as at the date of this Announcement, the COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving, and the UK Government may change current restrictions or implement further measures relating to the holding of shareholder meetings. As such, while Scheme Shareholders and Ultra Shareholders will be permitted to attend the Court and/or General Meeting in person if they are entitled to and wish to do so (subject to any applicable COVID-19 restrictions then in force), Ultra Shareholders and Scheme Shareholders are nevertheless encouraged to appoint "the Chairman of the meeting" as their proxy for the General Meeting and the Court Meeting, respectively. If any other person is appointed as proxy and COVID-19 restrictions are introduced which affect the holding of the Meetings, that proxy may not be permitted to attend the relevant Meeting in person (but will be able to remotely attend, ask questions and vote (and/or, in the case of the Court Meeting, raise any objections) at the relevant Meeting via the Virtual Meeting Platform, further details of which are set out in the Scheme Document).

Scheme Shareholders and Ultra Shareholders are asked to complete and sign the Forms of Proxy in accordance with the instructions printed on them, and return them to Equiniti, the Company's Registrar, by post to Equiniti, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA, United Kingdom, so as to be received as soon as possible and in any event not later than the relevant times set out below:

- BLUE Forms of Proxy for the Court Meeting: 11.00 a.m. on 30 September 2021
- YELLOW Forms of Proxy for the General Meeting: 11.15 a.m. on 30 September 2021

or, if in either case the Meeting is adjourned, the relevant Form of Proxy should be received not later than 48 hours (excluding any part of such 48 hours period falling on a day that is not a working day) before the time fixed for the adjourned Meeting.

It is important that, for the Court Meeting in particular, as many votes as possible are cast so that the Court may be satisfied that there is a fair representation of opinion of Scheme Shareholders. Whether or not you intend to attend and/or vote at the Meetings (in person, remotely (via the Virtual Meeting Platform) or by proxy), you are therefore strongly encouraged to: (i) sign and return your Forms of Proxy by post; or (ii) transmit a proxy appointment and voting instruction online via Equiniti's online facility or through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service as

soon as possible. If the BLUE Form of Proxy for the Court Meeting is not lodged by 11.00 a.m. on 30 September 2021, it may be: (i) scanned and emailed to Equiniti at the following email address: proxyvotes@equiniti.com; or (ii) presented in person to the Equiniti representative who will be present at the Court Meeting, any time prior to the commencement of the Court Meeting. However, if the YELLOW Form of Proxy for the General Meeting is not lodged by 11.15 p.m. on 30 September 2021, it will be invalid.

### **Timetable**

The Scheme Document contains an expected timetable of principal events in relation to the Scheme, which is also set out in the Appendix to this Announcement. The Scheme remains conditional on the approval of the requisite majority of eligible Scheme Shareholders at the Court Meeting, the requisite majority of eligible Ultra Shareholders at the General Meeting and the satisfaction or (if capable of waiver) waiver of the other Conditions set out in the Scheme Document, including the sanction of the Court.

The Scheme is expected to become Effective during the first quarter of 2022. Ultra will make further announcements through a Regulatory Information Service, with such announcements also being made available on Ultra's website at <a href="www.ultra.group">www.ultra.group</a>, in relation to the expected timetable as appropriate in respect of the antitrust and foreign investment approvals upon which the Acquisition is conditional.

#### Recommendation

The Ultra Directors, who have been so advised by J.P. Morgan Securities plc, which conducts its UK investment banking business as J.P. Morgan Cazenove ("J.P. Morgan Cazenove"), and Numis Securities Limited ("Numis") as to the financial terms of the Acquisition, consider the terms of the Acquisition to be fair and reasonable. In providing their advice to the Ultra Directors, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and Numis have taken into account the commercial assessments of the Ultra Directors. Numis is providing independent financial advice to the Ultra Directors for the purposes of Rule 3 of the Takeover Code.

The Ultra Directors consider that the terms of the Acquisition are in the best interests of Ultra Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Ultra Directors unanimously recommend that Ultra Shareholders vote or procure votes in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the Special Resolution to be proposed at the General Meeting as the Ultra Directors have irrevocably undertaken to do in respect of those Ultra Shares they hold and in respect of which they control the voting rights.

Ultra Shareholders should carefully read the Scheme Document in its entirety before making a decision with respect to the Scheme.

### Additional information for Ultra Shareholders

If you have any questions about the Scheme Document, the Court Meeting or the General Meeting, or are in any doubt as to how to complete the Forms of Proxy or to submit your proxies electronically or online, please contact the Company's Registrar, Equiniti, by calling the shareholder helpline on 0371 384 2050 from the UK or +44 371 384 2050 from overseas. Lines are open between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except public holidays in England and Wales). Calls from outside the UK will be charged at the applicable international rate. Different charges may apply to calls from mobile telephones. Please note that calls may be monitored or recorded and Equiniti cannot provide advice on the merits of the Acquisition or the Scheme or give any financial, legal or tax advice.

A copy of the Scheme Document will shortly be submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will be available for inspection at <a href="https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism">https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism</a>.

If the Scheme is sanctioned as outlined above, it is expected that the last day of dealings in, and registration of transfers of, Ultra Shares on the London Stock Exchange will be the Business Day immediately after the Scheme Court Hearing, following which Ultra Shares will be suspended

from the Official List and from the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities on the next Business Day thereafter. It is intended that, following the Scheme becoming Effective, the London Stock Exchange and the FCA will be requested respectively to cancel trading in Ultra Shares on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities and to remove the listing of Ultra Shares from the Official List.

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Slaughter and May is acting as legal adviser to Ultra in connection with the Acquisition.

**Kirkland & Ellis International LLP** is acting as legal adviser to Cobham in connection with the Acquisition.

# APPENDIX EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS

The following indicative timetable is based on Ultra's and Cobham's current expected dates for the implementation of the Scheme and is subject to change. If any of the dates and/or times in this expected timetable change, the revised dates and/or times will be notified to Ultra Shareholders by announcement through the Regulatory Information Service of the London Stock Exchange.

Event Time and/or date (1)

Publication of Scheme Document 8 September 2021

Latest time for lodging Forms of Proxy for the:

Court Meeting (BLUE form) 11.00 a.m. on 30 September 2021 (2)

General Meeting (YELLOW form) 11.15 a.m. on 30 September 2021 (3)

Voting Record Time 6.30 p.m. on 30 September 2021 (4)

General Meeting 11.15 a.m. on 4 October 2021 (5)

The following dates and times associated with the Scheme are subject to change and will depend on, among other things, the date on which the Conditions to the Scheme are satisfied or, if capable of waiver, waived, and the date on which the Court sanctions the Scheme. Ultra will give adequate notice of all of these dates and times, when known, by issuing an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service, with such announcement being made available on Ultra's website at <a href="www.ultra.group">www.ultra.group</a>. Further updates and changes to these times will be notified in the same way. See also note (1).

Scheme Court Hearing a date no later than 21 days after the satisfaction (or, if applicable, waiver) of the

Conditions (other than Condition 2.3) and in any

event prior to the Longstop Date ("D")

11.00 a.m. on 4 October 2021

Last day for dealings in, and for the registration of D+1 Business Day

transfer of, Ultra Shares

**Court Meeting** 

Scheme Record Time 6.00 p.m. on D+1 Business Day

Disablement of CREST in respect of Ultra Shares 6.00 p.m. on D+1 Business Day

Suspension of dealings in Ultra Shares by 7.30 a.m. on D+2 Business Days

Effective Date of the Scheme D+2 Business Days (6)

Cancellation of listing of Ultra Shares by 7.30 a.m. on D+3 Business Days

Latest date for despatch of cheques and crediting of by 14 days after the Effective Date

CREST accounts and processing electronic transfers for cash consideration due under the Scheme

Longstop Date (7) 5 August 2022

(1) The dates and times given are indicative only and are based on current expectations and are subject to change (including as a result of changes to the regulatory timetable).

References to times are to London, United Kingdom time unless otherwise stated. If any of the times and/or dates above change, the revised times and/or dates will be notified to Ultra Shareholders by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

Participants in the Ultra Share Plans will be contacted separately to inform them of the effect of the Scheme on their rights under the Ultra Share Plans, including details of any appropriate proposals being made and dates and times relevant to them.

- It is requested that BLUE Forms of Proxy for the Court Meeting be lodged not later than 48 hours prior to the time appointed for the Court Meeting or, if the Court Meeting is adjourned, 48 hours prior to the time fixed for any adjourned Court Meeting (excluding any part of such 48 hour period falling on a day that is not a working day). If the BLUE Form of Proxy for the Court Meeting is not lodged by 11.00 a.m. on 30 September 2021, it may be it may be:

  (i) scanned and emailed to Equiniti at the following email address: proxyvotes@equiniti.com; or (ii) presented in person to the Equiniti representative who will be present at the Court Meeting, any time prior to the commencement of the Court Meeting (or any adjournment thereof).
- (3) In order to be valid, the YELLOW Forms of Proxy for the General Meeting must be lodged not later than 11.15 a.m. on 30 September 2021 or, if the General Meeting is adjourned, 48 hours prior to the time fixed for the adjourned General Meeting (excluding any part of such 48 hour period falling on a day that is not a working day).
- (4) If either the Court Meeting or the General Meeting is adjourned, the Voting Record Time for the relevant adjourned Meeting will be 6.30 p.m. on the day which is two Business Days prior to the date of the adjourned Meeting.
- (5) To commence at 11.15 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the Court Meeting concludes or is adjourned.
- (6) Cobham expects that, subject to the satisfaction (or, where applicable, waiver) of the Conditions in Part III (Conditions to the Implementation of the Scheme and to the Acquisition) of the Scheme Document, the Acquisition will become Effective during Q1 2022.
- (7) This is the latest date by which the Scheme may become Effective. However, the Longstop Date may be extended to such later date as may be agreed by Ultra and Cobham (with the Panel's consent and as the Court may approve (if such approval(s) is/are required)).

# Important notice

This Announcement is not intended to, and does not, constitute, represent or form part of any offer, invitation or solicitation of any offer to purchase, otherwise acquire, subscribe for, sell or otherwise dispose of, any securities or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction, whether pursuant to the Acquisition or otherwise.

The Acquisition shall be implemented solely by means of the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the offer document) which, together with the Forms of Proxy, shall contain the full terms and Conditions of the Acquisition, including details of how to vote in respect of the Acquisition. Any vote in respect of the Scheme or other response to the Acquisition should be made only on the basis of the information in the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the offer document).

This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus-equivalent document.

### Disclaimers

J.P. Morgan Cazenove, which is authorised in the United Kingdom by the PRA and regulated in the United Kingdom by the PRA and the FCA, is acting as financial adviser exclusively for Ultra and no one else in connection with the matters set out in this Announcement and will not regard any other person as its client in relation to the matters set out in this Announcement and will not be responsible to anyone other than Ultra for providing the protections afforded to clients of J.P. Morgan Cazenove or its affiliates, nor for providing advice in relation to the matters set out in this Announcement or any other matter or arrangement referred to herein.

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No person has been authorised to give any information or make any representations other than those contained in this Announcement and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorised by Ultra, the Ultra Directors, Cobham, the Cobham Directors or by J.P. Morgan Cazenove, Numis Securities, Credit Suisse, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs or Rothschild & Co or any other person involved in the Acquisition. Neither the delivery of this Announcement nor holding the Meetings, the Scheme Court Hearing, or filing the Court Order shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Ultra Group or the Cobham Group since the date of this document or that the information in, or incorporated into, this document is correct as at any time subsequent to its date.

## **Overseas Jurisdictions**

This Announcement has been prepared for the purposes of complying with English law, the Takeover Code, the Market Abuse Regulation, the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and the Listing Rules and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this Announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside England and Wales.

The availability of the Acquisition to Ultra Shareholders who are not resident in and citizens of the UK may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located or of which they are citizens. Persons who are not resident in the UK should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements of their jurisdictions. In particular, the ability of persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom to vote their Ultra Shares with respect to the Scheme at the Court Meeting, or to appoint another person as proxy to vote at the Court Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located. Any failure to comply with the applicable restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Acquisition disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person. Further details in relation to overseas shareholders are contained in the Scheme Document.

Unless otherwise determined by Cobham or required by the Takeover Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition will not be made available, directly or indirectly, in,

into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Scheme by any such use, means, instrumentality or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction.

Copies of this Announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send it in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of the Acquisition. If the Acquisition is implemented (with the consent of the Panel and subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Cooperation Agreement) by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made directly or indirectly, in or into, or by the use of mails or any means or instrumentality (including, but not limited to, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities.

### Notice to US investors

The Acquisition relates to shares in an English company and is proposed to be made by means of a scheme of arrangement under English company law. US Ultra Shareholders should note that the Scheme relates to the shares of an English company and will be governed by English law. Neither the US proxy solicitation rules nor the tender offer rules under the US Exchange Act will apply to the Acquisition and the Scheme. Moreover, the Acquisition and the Scheme are subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in England to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the disclosure requirements of the US proxy solicitation rules and tender offer rules.

Financial information included in this Document has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the UK and may not be comparable to financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the US. If Cobham were to elect (with the consent of the Panel and subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Cooperation Agreement) to implement the Acquisition by means of a Takeover Offer, such Takeover Offer would be made in compliance with all applicable United States laws and regulations, including Section 14(e) of the US Exchange Act and Regulation 14E thereunder. Such a Takeover Offer would be made in the United States by Cobham and no one else.

Neither the SEC nor any securities commission of any state of the US nor any other US regulatory authority has approved the Acquisition, passed upon the fairness of the Acquisition or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this Document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the US.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, in accordance with normal UK practice, Cobham or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Ultra Shares outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Acquisition, until the date on which the Acquisition and/or Scheme becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the UK, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on

the London Stock Exchange website at <a href="www.londonstockexchange.com">www.londonstockexchange.com</a>. If Cobham were to elect (with the consent of the Panel and subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Cooperation Agreement) to implement the Acquisition by means of a Takeover Offer, such Takeover Offer would be made in compliance with all applicable United States laws and regulations, including Section 14(e) of the US Exchange Act, as amended, and Regulation 14E thereunder, subject to exemptive relief, including in respect of Rule 14e-5 thereunder.

In accordance with the Takeover Code, normal United Kingdom market practice and Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and Numis Securities and their affiliates will continue to act as exempt principal traders in Ultra securities on the London Stock Exchange. These purchases and activities by exempt principal traders which are required to be made public in the United Kingdom pursuant to the Takeover Code will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at <a href="https://www.londonstockexchange.com">www.londonstockexchange.com</a>. This information will also be publicly disclosed in the United States to the extent that such information is made public in the United Kingdom.

The receipt of consideration by a US Ultra Shareholder for the transfer of its Ultra Shares pursuant to the Acquisition will likely be a taxable transaction for United States federal income tax purposes. Each US Ultra Shareholder is urged to consult their independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them, including under applicable United States state and local, as well as overseas and other, tax laws.

It may be difficult for US Ultra Shareholders to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the US federal securities laws, since Ultra is located in a non-US jurisdiction, and some or all of its officers and directors are residents of non-US jurisdictions. US Ultra Shareholders may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgement.

# Forward looking statements

This Announcement (including information incorporated by reference in this Announcement), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by Ultra, any member of the Ultra Group, Cobham, or any member of the Cobham Group contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements", including for the purposes of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and on numerous assumptions regarding the business strategies and the environment in which Ultra, any member of the Ultra Group, Cobham, or any member of the Cobham Group or the Combined Group shall operate in the future and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by those statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this Announcement may relate to Ultra, any member of the Ultra Group, Cobham, or any member of the Cobham Group or the Combined Group's future prospects, developments and business strategies, the expected timing and scope of the Acquisition and all other statements in this Announcement other than statements of historical facts. In some cases, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms 'intend', 'aim', 'project', 'anticipate', 'estimate', 'target', 'plan', 'believe', 'expect', 'may', 'should', 'will', 'continue' or, in each case, their negative and other variations or other similar or comparable words and expressions. Forward-looking statements may include statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, earnings, synergies, economic performance, indebtedness, financial condition,

dividend policy, losses and future prospects; (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of Ultra, any member of the Ultra Group, Cobham, or any member of the Cobham Group's operations and potential synergies resulting from the Acquisition; and (iii) the effects of global economic conditions and governmental regulation on Ultra, any member of the Ultra Group, Cobham, or any member of the Cobham Group's business.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may occur in the future. These events and circumstances include changes in the global, political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory forces, future exchange and interest rates, changes in tax rates and future business combinations or disposals. If any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialises or if any one or more of the assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Such forward-looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such factors.

None of Ultra, any member of the Ultra Group, Cobham, nor any member of the Cobham Group, nor any of their respective associates or directors, officers or advisers, provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this Announcement shall actually occur. Given these risks and uncertainties, potential investors should not place any reliance on forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements speak only at the date of this Announcement. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to Ultra, any member of the Ultra Group, Cobham, or any member of the Cobham Group, or any of their respective associates, directors, officers, employees or advisers, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above.

Ultra, each member of the Ultra Group, Cobham, and each member of the Cobham Group expressly disclaims any obligation to update such statements other than as required by law or by the rules of any competent regulatory authority, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

No statement in this Announcement is intended as a profit forecast, profit estimate or quantified benefits statement for any period and no statement in this Announcement should be interpreted to mean that earnings or earnings per share for Cobham or Ultra, as appropriate, for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings or earnings per share for Cobham or Ultra, as appropriate.

### Disclosure requirements of the Code

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code, any person who is interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the

announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Takeover Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s), save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

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 shall be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at <a href="http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk">http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk</a>, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0) 20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

# Publication on a website

This Announcement and the documents required to be published pursuant to Rule 26.3 of the Takeover Code, will be available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Ultra and Cobham's websites at <a href="www.ultra.group">www.ultra.group</a> and <a href="www.ultra.group">www.ultra.group</a> an

## Requesting hard copy documents

Ultra Shareholders may request a hard copy of this Announcement, the Scheme Document or information incorporated into the Scheme Document by reference to another source, free of charge, by calling the Company's registrar, Equiniti Group plc, on +44 (0) 371 384 2050 or by writing to Equiniti at Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA, United Kingdom stating your name, and the address to which the hard copy should be sent. For persons who have elected to receive documents in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of any such information will not be sent to you unless you so request it. You may also request that all future documents, announcements and information sent to you in relation to the Acquisition should be in hard copy form.

# **Electronic communications**

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain information provided by Ultra Shareholders, persons with information rights and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Ultra may be provided to Cobham, members of the Cobham Group and/or their respective advisers during the Offer Period as requested under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Takeover Code to comply with Rule 2.11(c) of the Takeover Code.