



Trident Space & Defense, LLC opens European Office

Torrance, California (May 01, 2009) – Trident Space & Defense has opened a European Office in Fareham, UK to provide program management, engineering and customer support for its European customers, as well as increasing its ability to source European manufactured components.

Trident, formerly TRW Components International Inc. was established in 1976 as a subsidiary of TRW Inc., now Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC), and has successfully provided parts and engineering solutions for space, military and industrial markets worldwide for over 33 years. Trident was acquired by Admiralty Partners, Inc. in March 2007 and is composed of three operating units. The EEE Space Electronic Components business unit is a supplier of high reliability electronic components and design support services. The Advanced Products business unit designs and manufactures advanced custom multi-chip modules, dense systems-in-a-package solutions and Solid State Disk Drives intended for ruggedized applications. The Ground Systems business unit supplies engineering services, specializing in design, development and integration services, launch support and satellite telemetry, tracking and control systems.

Mr. Geoffrey Penhaligon will be Trident's Director of European Operations and will manage the Fareham office. He will be assisted by Ms. Kim Budd, Program Manager and Ms. Donna Calderwood, Program Assistant. All three new members of the Trident team come from IGG Components Technology Ltd., and most recently, Alter Technology Group's UK Division. They have over 30 years of extensive knowledge and experience in the space, military and industrial markets. Mr. Penhaligon's professional background and experience will further enhance Trident's excellent customer service reputation, as well as market expansion throughout the European Union.

In commenting, Trident's Jerry Smith, VP and General Manager of the EEE Space Electronics and Ground Systems business units said, "Trident has been the recognized leader in the supply of space qualified components and ground systems support for over 33 years; we are excited to have Geoffrey Penhaligon

and his team join us as we expand our business services throughout the European Union. The addition of this team is a recognized gain for our customers, enhancing our ability to provide European manufactured components while providing direct supply of U.S. products.”

Mr. Penhaligon said “I am very pleased and excited to be given the opportunity to bring to Europe the products and services of Trident. I am confident that European customers will welcome the opportunity to have a much more competitive route to high reliability parts sourced from U.S. suppliers through an experienced program management team established both here in Fareham, Europe and in Torrance, USA.”

Roydn Jones, Trident’s VP of the Advanced Products business and Chief Technology Officer added, “Trident’s European office will expand the supply of custom components for Space, Military and Industrial applications which enable our customers to realize significant benefits in improved performance and miniaturization at the system level. Trident also supplies leading edge standard and custom “ruggedized” Solid State Drives (SSD’s). Geoffrey’s team will significantly increase our market presence and augment our customer support resources.”

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