



PRESS RELEASE

SEA win major contract for ASTUTE Boat 4

SEA is pleased to announce that it has been selected as Prime contractor to supply the External Communication System (ECS) for Astute Boat 4.

This significant contract has been won against strong domestic and international competition. SEA is teamed with Thales Underwater Systems Ltd, Selex Communications and Aish Technologies Ltd to deliver this contract.

The External Communications Systems (ECS) builds on SEA's heritage regarding the communications system onboard the Trafalgar Class submarines. SEA, in conjunction with its partners, will significantly extend the capability and scope of the submarine communications system to provide the Royal Navy (RN) with a world-class, leading edge solution.

Under this contract, SEA will design, procure, build, integrate, and test the complete communications system. This includes baseband switching, management of classified data and messages, RF switching, management and control and voice system. The ECS solution embraces open architecture principles that will allow the RN to maintain and upgrade the system for the foreseeable future.

This contract is strategic for the company, extending SEA's engagement with the ASTUTE programme, and with BAE Systems, the UK's largest defence contractor, and the prime contractor for ASTUTE.

Andy Thomis, Chief Executive Officer of Cohort plc, commented: "We are extremely pleased to win this competition against some of the world's best defence contractors and establish a significant position with BAE - one of our most important customers. We anticipate a long and fruitful relationship with BAE in the UK and International markets."