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## SEA joins Cohort plc

SEA (Group) Ltd, the West-country systems and software development company, is pleased to announce that it has joined Cohort plc, a publicly quoted group.

SEA's business spans the Defence, Aerospace, Transport and Offshore markets, specialising in sensor systems, advanced digital signal processing, data recording and analysis, data fusion and information systems and secure communications and digital networks. The company has successfully continued its strategy to supply larger and more complex systems and novel products. The company sits well with Cohort plc whose vision is to create a group of independent UK companies, providing specialist equipment and technical services to Government Agencies and Industry. SEA's activities are complimentary to those of the group's other subsidiaries, Systems Consultants Services Ltd (SCS) and MASS Consultants Ltd (MASS). SEA will continue to operate with a high level of autonomy, retaining its name, branding and management teams.

Ian Dale-Staples, SEA's Chief Executive Officer and founder, said: "Joining Cohort, with its larger size and complementary capabilities, will provide growth opportunities for SEA's businesses and its employees. Furthermore, Cohort provides SEA shareholders with the opportunity of becoming part of a floated group. I am personally delighted to be joining the Cohort Board and look forward to contributing to the development of the enlarged Cohort business."

Commenting on the acquisition, Nick Prest, Chairman of Cohort, said: "SEA substantially increases the scale of the group, develops our capabilities into new related areas and is consistent with Cohort's stated strategy of building an independent group supplying technical services primarily to the defence market. SEA is an excellent fit with our existing businesses and will, I believe, offer significant opportunities for continued growth in the future. We are pleased to welcome Ian Dale-Staples to the Cohort Board and look forward to working with him in the further development of SEA and the Cohort Group."