



## Good growth for SEA

SEA (Group) Ltd reported another good year of growth, with its market sectors winning significant contracts and delivering projects on time and to cost.

During a 13-month period in which the Group was acquired by Cohort plc, order intake increased from £23.5M to £24.9M, turnover increased from £18.2M to £24.4M, and profit before tax increased from £1.4M to £2.7M (on a comparative basis).

Reporting the latest results, CEO Ian Dale-Staples, said: "All our divisions performed well in their market sectors and we will continue to implement our overall strategy of pulling through science and technology into enhanced deliverable 'products'."

The Defence arm saw the completion of the development and installation of the Trafalgar Class submarine's new secure communications network, delivered the Astute Class' computer information system, vibration monitoring and data analysis systems to AgustaWestland and trialled a novel foliage penetration radar technical demonstrator to the Research Acquisition Organisation.

Aero-Space integrated its first space-flight model of the new MEMS rate sensor with the European Space Agency (ESA) Cryosat spacecraft, delivered the Planck spacecraft's cooler drive electronics, and completed installation and acceptance of the advanced scatterometer calibration transponders for EUMETSAT's MetOp weather satellite. The major contract win for Aero-Space was for ESA's BroadBand Radiometer instrument for the EarthCARE mission and a Bio-Containment study (for the return of Mars samples).

Offshore had a record year for sales of the shallow water seabed mapping sonar, *SWATHplus*, the latest version introduced to the product portfolio is for autonomous underwater vehicles.

Transport successfully completed various active traffic management studies and trials for the Highways Agency, and won the new framework contract from Transport for London for its new digital traffic enforcement system. Various important milestones were met on several back-office software contracts for Network Rail.

Turning to the future, Ian said: "Overall, SEA is in a good position for the next financial year, with circa 50% of next year's turnover on contract and several contracts and frameworks in place for known contract extensions. There are also many good prospects in the pipeline across all market sectors."