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Mercury Computer Systems Provides Application Ready Subsystems to BAE Systems for ARTISAN 3D Naval Radar Program

Sophisticated maritime radar to replace existing systems in U.K.'s Royal Navy surface fleet

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Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: MRCY, www.mc.com), a trusted provider of commercially developed ISR subsystems, announced that it is delivering integrated Application Ready Subsystems™ (ARS™) and system integration services to BAE Systems Mission Systems for its Advanced Radar Target Indication Situational Awareness and Navigation (ARTISAN) 3D Naval Radar Program. Mercury's solutions will maximize interoperability and preserve BAE Systems software investment, while meeting their rapid time-to-deployment requirements for critical radar programs.

"This win underscores the strength of our 10+ year relationship with BAE Systems, where Mercury has delivered advanced ARS solutions for critical multifunction radar systems like BAE Systems SAMPSON, a key component of the UK's Royal Navy's Type 45 destroyer Sea Viper system," said Didier Thibaud, senior vice president and general manager of Mercury Computer Systems' Advanced Computing Solutions business unit. "BAE Systems selected Mercury for the ARTISAN program because of our unequalled domain expertise, superior ISR subsystem technology, and ability to design, deliver, and integrate scalable, high-performance computing systems that comprise Mercury and third-party components."

The U.K. Ministry of Defense chose BAE Systems' ARTISAN 3D radar as the next generation of medium-range radars (MRRs) for the majority of the Royal Navy surface fleet, and for future aircraft carriers. ARTISAN 3D radar is a leading-edge, maritime MRR designed to improve the performance of the Navy's primary sensing capability, particularly when operating in a complex littoral, or shoreline, environment. As a scalable architecture suited for a wide range of platform types and operational requirements, ARTISAN 3D is replacing radar systems on Type 23 frigates and amphibious assault ships as well as two new carriers HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales, for which it will provide Air Traffic Management functionality.

"ARTISAN is designed as a main surveillance and target indication radar for surface vessels, from offshore patrol vessels to major warships. Additionally, it is designed to be future-proof and to meet the same stringent SWaP (size, weight and power) requirements of the system it is replacing," said Chris Jones, ARTISAN Project Team Leader, BAE Systems Mission Systems. "It is critical that the signal processing system not only provide enhanced computing performance but also a clear upgrade path for technology insertions."

Mercury's ARS solutions for the ARTISAN program combine open architecture high density VXS processing modules, a Serial Front Panel Data Port (sFPDP) sensor interface, and RapidIO®-based switch fabric with the MultiCore Plus® software suite, the company's comprehensive programming framework for multicore processing environments. Mercury's Services & Systems Integration (SSI) team will provide integration services for third-party components to be used in the radar system.

For more information on Mercury's innovative solutions for next-generation warfare, visit www.mc.com/ars or contact Mercury at (866) 627-6951 or info@mc.com.

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Mercury Computer Systems (www.mc.com, NASDAQ: MRCY) is a best of breed provider of open, commercially developed, application-ready, multi-INT subsystems for the ISR market. With over 25 years of experience in embedded computing, superior domain expertise in radar, EW, EO/IR, C4I, and sonar applications, and more than 300 successful program deployments including Aegis, Global Hawk, and Predator, Mercury's Services and Systems Integration team leads the industry in partnering

with customers to design and integrate system-level solutions that minimize program risk, maximize application portability, and accelerate customers' time to market.

Mercury is based in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and serves customers worldwide through a broad network of direct sales offices, subsidiaries, and distributors.

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