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News Release

Hypertronics Awarded Contract with BAE Systems to Supply Electrical Connectors for the US Army Future Combat Systems Manned Ground Vehicles Program

First Ever Combat Vehicles to Use Hybrid Electric Drive Technology

Hudson, MA (May 12, 2009) [Hypertronics Corporation](#), a [Smiths Interconnect](#) business and world-leading provider of high performance interconnect solutions for the most demanding applications, today announced that they were awarded a contract with [BAE Systems](#) to supply customized electrical connectors for the Traction Drive System (TDS) for the Army's Future Combat Systems (FCS) Manned Ground Vehicles (MGV) program. The family of eight FCS MGVs is the first ever Army suite of ground combat vehicles to use hybrid electric drive technology. The TDS is a common platform assembly that will provide vehicle propulsion, steering and braking and regenerate electrical power from braking and downhill grades for use in vehicle electrical systems.

FCS is a joint networked family of manned and unmanned ground and air platforms and sensors that enables ground combat forces to conduct their missions safely and more effectively. Boeing [NYSE: BA] and partner Science Applications International [NYSE: SAI] function as the Lead Systems Integrator (LSI) for the program, managing a best-of-industry team of more than 800 partners and suppliers. The first run prototypes of the initial MGV, the Non-Line-Sight Cannon (NLOS-C), are currently being delivered.

Hypertronics will supply a customized interconnect system for the custom power electronics on the common manifold assembly of the TDS that distributes and controls power from the main electric generator power source to the TDS high voltage battery pack and other vehicle sub assemblies. The hybrid electric drive system will improve fuel economy, reduce overall weight and volume and generate electric power.

Hypertronics was selected to supply the interconnect system based on the ultra-reliability of the Hypertac® technology that features their unique Hyperboloid contact design and also their experience and capability to create a custom component that satisfied the extensive performance requirements.

Designed by Hypertronics engineers together with BAE Systems and General Dynamics, the custom-designed ARINC style, blind mating, high-powered connector system provides signal power in a compact form factor. Hypertronics connectors offer many benefits such as low insertion forces, long contact life, lower contact resistance, low footprint, higher current ratings and immunity to shock and vibration that make them an ideal component for the MGV to ensure reliability.

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About Hypertronics Corporation

Hypertronics, based in Hudson, Massachusetts, has been a leader in the design, manufacturing and distribution of specialty connectors for the electronics industry since 1970. Its Hypertac® technology is renowned for delivering unflinching performance in high-reliability applications in the medical, military/aerospace, test and measurement and industrial market segments. The company offers a wide range of standard catalog products as well as custom-designed connectors for more specific application needs and performance requirements. Hypertronics is a wholly owned subsidiary of Smiths Group (UK:SMIN), a multinational company headquartered in London, UK. More information about Hypertronics products and solution offerings can be found at www.hypertronics.com.

About BAE Systems

BAE Systems is a global defense and aerospace company delivering a full range of products and services for air, land and naval forces, as well as advanced electronics, information technology solutions and customer support services. With 88,000 employees worldwide, BAE Systems' sales exceeded 13.7 billion pounds sterling (US\$25.4 billion dollars) in 2006.

About Smiths Interconnect

Smiths Interconnect, part of the global technology business Smiths Group, designs and manufactures specialized electronic and radio frequency products that connect protect and control critical systems for the wireless telecommunications, aerospace, defense, space and medical markets. For further information visit www.smithsinterconnect.com

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Non-Line-of-Sight Cannon (NLOS-C) is the first MGV produced with Hybrid Electric Drive

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