

Notes to editors:

Electrocomponents Group plc is the leading high service distributor to engineers worldwide. The company which was founded in 1937 is listed on the London Stock Exchange, employs around 5,700 people and has operations in 27 countries, serving another 38 countries through distributors. The Group satisfies the small quantity needs of its customers who are typically research and development ('R&D') or maintenance engineers in business. Electrocomponents sells around half a million products to 1.6m customers, through catalogues, over the internet and through trade counters. Some of the products the Group sells include electronic, electrical, mechanical, automation and health and safety components. The offer to engineers is valuable to many of our 2,500 suppliers, who would otherwise find the small order and immediate dispatch requirements of such customers difficult and costly to satisfy.

A large number of high quality goods are stocked, which are dispatched the same day that the order is received. The average customer order value is around £100 although the range of order values is wide. The Group has a large number of customers from a wide range of industry sectors with diverse product demands.

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