



Broadcast Microwave Services Awarded Contract by UAE Armed Services

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POWAY, Calif., May 1, 2003 -- Cohu, Inc. (NASDAQ:COHU) today announced that its Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc. (BMS) unit has been selected by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Armed Services to provide microwave communications equipment for a command center and infrastructure system for border security. The contract, valued at approximately \$8.5 million, will take advantage of the latest COFDM (Coded Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing) transmission technology from the BMS product line. The system is expected to be installed this year and will enable secure video and audio transmission from aircraft, ships or vehicles to be monitored real time and distributed to remote viewing stations.

BMS, a Cohu company and a leader in COFDM microwave transmission, designs, develops, manufactures and sells microwave transmission systems and has a broad range of products and systems developed for broadcast TV, law enforcement, sports and special events venues, unmanned air vehicle and military applications.

Cohu is a leading supplier of test handling solutions used by the global semiconductor industry as well as a supplier of closed circuit television, metal detection and microwave communications equipment.

Certain matters discussed in this release, including statements concerning installation of the command center and infrastructure system, are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or forecasted. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, our ability to convert new products under development into production on a timely basis and other risks addressed in Cohu's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including the most recently filed Form 10-K and Form 10-Q. Cohu assumes no obligation to update the information in this release.

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