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## **Extant Components Group Announces Licensed Support for Integrated Instrumentation Display System**

**Melbourne, Florida, July 3, 2012** – Extant Components Group Holdings, Inc., a leader in licensing, obsolescence management and sustainment services for mature aerospace electronics and avionics products, today announced it has reached an agreement to add manufacturing and repair support for the Integrated Instrumentation Display System (IIDS) installed on MD Helicopters' MD900 Explorer series aircraft to its growing portfolio of original equipment manufacturer-licensed (OEM-licensed) products. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

The IIDS monitors and processes key engine and operating systems information for the MD Explorer. Data is displayed on a segmented LCD screen and includes various engine performance parameters and condition trend monitoring functions including caution annunciators, indicators for the onboard tracking and balancing of rotors and fans, fuel quantity indicators, an outside air temperature display, a digital clock, and a running time meter.

Extant Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jim Gerwien said, "Extant provides the ideal solution to the OEM's requirements to sustain and support a mature product like the IIDS. This system, designed nearly 20 years ago, is an integral part of a highly reliable aircraft platform that is expected to remain in service and require support for some time. We look forward to working with MD Helicopters and MD Explorer operators going forward."

Manufacturing, repair, and engineering support for the IIDS will be performed by Extant's wholly-owned subsidiary, Symetrics Industries, at the company's facilities in Melbourne, Florida. Symetrics has over 48,000 square feet of efficient, linear flow facilities equipped to support a wide variety of specialized electronics manufacturing and aftermarket repair requirements and is ideal to support the IIDS system.

Gerwien added, "Extant's extensive manufacturing and engineering resources are tailored to meet the specialized requirements that frequently accompany older, low volume / high mix electronics and avionics. Our engineering staff has considerable experience and success in the obsolescence redesign often needed to sustain such

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products in a timely and cost effective manner until they are replaced by the next generation of OEM new product design.”

Extant maintains the key resources needed to produce and support its product licenses in-house rather than through an extended network of outside suppliers. This is especially important to maintaining the quality and integrity of electronics and avionics products which are under an ever increasing threat from counterfeit components.

Extant’s supplier quality programs, incoming part inspection procedures, and counterfeit part prevention processes are among the most robust in the industry. Gerwien stated, “After touring our facilities and seeing our systems, our OEM customers remark how Extant’s operations and quality standards look very much like their own, only on a smaller scale”.

### **About Extant Components Group**

Extant Components Group, a Warburg Pincus portfolio company with headquarters in Melbourne, Florida, is an aerospace company which specializes in supporting Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) with product licensing, obsolescence management and reengineering, lifecycle sustainment, and counterfeit prevention services for aging, non-core avionics and electronics systems and components used in various commercial, military, business and general aviation applications.

Extant’s licensing programs provide a high quality solution to the challenges that often accompany the continuing aftermarket support of these systems and components and enable OEMs to focus their resources on more current products and new product research and development. Extant is well positioned with both the technical expertise and capital resources needed to provide OEMs with immediate value for non-core assets, a timely and successful product line transition, and a continuing high level of aftermarket customer service and support.

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