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Gerald R. Dinkel Joins Renaissance Strategic Advisors as Executive in Residence

Arlington, VA – Aerospace and defense advisory firm Renaissance Strategic Advisors today announced that Gerald R. “Gerry” Dinkel has rejoined the firm as an Executive in Residence. Gerry brings many years of defense industry experience and a diversity of executive level insights to RSAdvisors. He was one of the initial members of the RSAdvisors Senior Advisory Board from 2008 through August, 2009.

From 2010 to August, 2013 Gerry was Chief Executive Officer, President and a Director of Colt Defense LLC, a privately-held manufacturer of small arms and related products for the global military, law enforcement and sporting markets. Gerry led Colt’s turnaround from a virtually pure-play defense contractor with a single product in a rapidly declining defense market to a revitalized company with a diversity of products in the military, international and sporting markets. Under his leadership, Colt also achieved Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and became a SEC registrant, implemented Lean Manufacturing and concluded a merger with New Colt Holdings Corp. in a complex shareholder and financing environment.

Prior to Colt, he was Chief Executive Officer, President and a Director of White Electronic Designs Corporation (NASDAQ: WEDC), a leading supplier of mission-critical semiconductor memory and GPS receiver assemblies for defense and aerospace applications. White Electronic’s products are characterized by very high circuit density and operation under extreme environmental conditions. Typical applications include avionics and precision weapons systems. White Electronic was purchased by Microsemi Corporation in April, 2010. From 2000 to 2007, he was a vice president of Cubic Corporation and President and Chief Executive Officer of the corporation’s defense segment, with overall responsibility for performance and growth of a 4800 person enterprise with locations in 26 states and 20 other nations. In his tenure, Cubic’s diverse electronic products, integrated systems and professional services business grew from \$270M to \$640M revenue and operating margins increased more than 30% per year. He earlier had a long career with Westinghouse (now Northrop Grumman) Electronic Systems in avionics, radar and missile systems.

“We are delighted to have Gerry rejoin the team. He brings a broad Senior Executive perspective, extensive relationships and a strategic mindset that will help our clients succeed in a very challenging aerospace and defense business environment,” said Pierre Chao, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Renaissance Strategic Advisors.

Renaissance Strategic Advisors is a Washington D.C. and London based aerospace and defense industry advisory firm focused on corporate strategy development, strategic business development, due diligence/M&A support, market insight and transaction support services. The firm works with clients across the full lifecycle – from venture start-ups to industry leaders; and up and down the value chain – from component manufacturers to prime contractors. In select cases, the company is also able to provide capital via affiliates and key strategic partnerships.

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