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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION
PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2007**

**Prospectus Supplement
November , 2007
(To Prospectus dated March 6, 2006)**

\$400,000,000

HARRIS CORPORATION

% Notes due 2017

Harris Corporation is offering \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its % notes due December 1, 2017. Interest on the notes is payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2008. We may redeem the notes at any time in whole or from time to time in part at the make-whole redemption price described under Description of Notes Optional Redemption. If we experience a change of control repurchase event, we may be required to offer to repurchase the notes from holders, as described under Description of Notes Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event.

The notes will be our unsecured, unsubordinated obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured, unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The notes will be issued only in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently, there is no public market for the notes.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and on page 6 of the accompanying prospectus.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price(1)	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$

Proceeds, before expenses, to Harris Corporation % \$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from December , 2007, if settlement occurs after this date.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes to purchasers in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about December , 2007.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Banc of America Securities LLC

Morgan Stanley

Co-Managers

**Citi
HSBC
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey**

Wachovia Securities

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or incorporated by reference herein or therein and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus nor any sale made hereunder or thereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained herein or therein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the notes we are currently offering and certain other matters relating to us and our financial condition. The second part is the accompanying prospectus dated March 6, 2006, which gives more general information about the securities that we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to the notes that we are currently offering. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. The information in this prospectus supplement supersedes any inconsistent information included in the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). We and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. The information which appears in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference may be accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the date of such information.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents we have referred you to in [Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference](#) and [Where You Can Find More Information](#) in this prospectus supplement.

In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, references to [company](#), [we](#), [us](#), [our](#) and [Harris](#) to Harris Corporation and do not include any of its subsidiaries in the context of the issuer of securities and the description of the notes. In other contexts, references to [company](#), [we](#), [us](#), [our](#) and [Harris](#) may also include subsidiaries of Harris Corporation.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

Some of the information that you may want to consider in deciding whether to invest in the notes is not included in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, but rather is incorporated by reference herein or therein from certain reports that we have filed with the SEC. This permits us to disclose important information to you by referring to those documents rather than repeating them in full in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. The information incorporated by reference in this prospectus is considered part of this prospectus, except for any information that is updated or superseded, and contains important business and financial information. We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the following documents filed by us with the SEC (Commission File No. 1-3863):

- (1) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2007;
- (2) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2007; and
- (3) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 16, 2007; August 10, 2007; August 30, 2007; and November 9, 2007; and Amendment No. 1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on August 22, 2007.

All documents and reports that we file with the SEC (excluding any information and exhibits furnished under either Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or any future Item of Form 8-K that permits information to be furnished, unless

otherwise indicated therein) under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Exchange Act, after the date of this prospectus supplement and prior to the end of the offering of the notes under this prospectus, shall also be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference from the date of filing of such documents and reports. The information contained on our website (<http://www.harris.com>) is not incorporated into this prospectus.

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We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner of notes offered under this prospectus, to whom a copy of this prospectus has been delivered, upon the written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents that have been or may be incorporated by reference in this prospectus, other than exhibits to such documents, unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents or this prospectus. You should direct any such requests to us at the following address:

Harris Corporation
1025 West NASA Boulevard
Melbourne, Florida 32919
Attention: Corporate Secretary

You may also request such documents by calling our Corporate Secretary at (321) 727-9100.

Statements made in this prospectus or in any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to herein or therein are not necessarily complete, and in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or to the documents incorporated by reference therein, each such statement being qualified in all material respects by such reference.

Any statement made in a document incorporated by reference or deemed incorporated by reference into this prospectus is deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that also is incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes that statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the information reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and accordingly, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available over the Internet at the SEC's web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at its public reference room:

Public Reference Room
100 F Street, N.E.
Room 1580
Washington, D.C. 20549

You may also obtain copies of the documents at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC, Room 1580, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operations of the public reference room and copying charges. Our SEC filings are also available at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that, if they do not materialize or prove correct, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements, including statements concerning: our plans, strategies and objectives for future operations; new products, services or developments; future economic conditions, performance or outlook; the outcome of contingencies; the value of our contract awards and programs; our beliefs or expectations; and assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Forward-looking statements may be identified by their use of forward-looking terminology, such as believes, expects, may, should, would, intends, plans, estimates, anticipates, projects and similar words or expressions. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect our management's opinions only as of the date of this prospectus supplement. Factors that might cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and on page 6 of the accompanying prospectus. All forward-looking statements are qualified by and should be read in conjunction with those risk factors. Forward-looking statements are made in reliance upon the safe harbor provisions of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act and we undertake no obligation, other than imposed by law, to update forward-looking statements to reflect further developments or information obtained after the date of this prospectus supplement or, in the case of any document incorporated by reference, the date of that document, and disclaim any obligation to do so.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

*This summary highlights selected information about our company and the offering and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. To better understand this offering, you should read this entire document carefully, as well as those additional documents to which we refer you. See *Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference* and *Where You Can Find More Information*. Our fiscal year ends on the Friday nearest June 30. Fiscal 2007, 2006 and 2005 ended on June 29, 2007, June 30, 2006 and July 1, 2005, respectively.*

Harris

Harris Corporation, together with its subsidiaries, is an international communications and information technology company serving government and commercial markets in more than 150 countries. We are focused on developing best-in-class *assured communicationstm* products, systems and services for global markets, including defense communications and electronics, government communications, broadcast communications and wireless transmission network solutions.

Harris was incorporated in Delaware in 1926 as the successor to three companies founded in the 1890s. Our principal executive offices are located at 1025 West NASA Boulevard, Melbourne, Florida 32919, and our telephone number is (321) 727-9100. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol HRS. On November 2, 2007, we employed approximately 16,000 people.

We structure our operations primarily around the markets we serve and for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2007, we operated in the following four business segments: (1) Government Communications Systems, (2) RF Communications, (3) Broadcast Communications and (4) Harris Stratex Networks, Inc. (Harris Stratex Networks) (formerly Microwave Communications). On May 21, 2007, we announced that effective for fiscal 2008 (which began on June 30, 2007), our segment reporting would be adjusted to reflect our new organizational structure. For fiscal 2008, our Defense Programs area, part of our Government Communications Systems segment for fiscal 2007, was combined with our RF Communications business and is now reported as our Defense Communications and Electronics segment. As a result, our segment reporting for fiscal 2008 consists of the following four business segments: (1) Defense Communications and Electronics, (2) Government Communications Systems, (3) Broadcast Communications and (4) Harris Stratex Networks. Our Broadcast Communications and Harris Stratex Networks segments did not change as a result of the adjustments to our organizational structure. We began to report our financial results consistent with this new segment reporting structure beginning with the first quarter of fiscal 2008, and on November 9, 2007 filed a Current Report on Form 8-K that presents financial information for prior fiscal years consistent with our new segment reporting structure.

Our Defense Communications and Electronics segment is a worldwide supplier of secure voice and data radio communications products, systems and networks; conducts advanced research studies; and develops, designs and supplies state-of-the-art communications and information networks and equipment, primarily for the U.S. Department of Defense, other Federal and state agencies, allied government defense and peacekeeping forces, and other aerospace and defense companies. Our Government Communications Systems segment develops intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance solutions; designs and supports information systems for image and other data collection, processing, interpretation, storage and retrieval; and offers engineering, operations and support services, primarily for various agencies of the U.S. Government other than the U.S. Department of Defense and for other aerospace and defense companies. Our Broadcast Communications segment serves the global digital and analog markets, providing video infrastructure and digital media products and solutions, enterprise software systems and solutions, and television and radio transmission equipment and systems. Our Harris Stratex Networks segment offers reliable, flexible, scalable and cost-efficient wireless transmission network solutions, including microwave radio systems and network management

software, which are backed by comprehensive services and support, primarily to mobile and fixed telephone service providers, private network operators, government agencies, transportation and utility companies, public safety agencies and broadcast system operators.

Each of our business segments has been organized on the basis of specific communications markets. Each business segment has its own marketing, engineering and product service and maintenance organizations. The Broadcast Communications and Harris Stratex Networks segments have their own separate manufacturing operations. The Defense Communications and Electronics and Government Communications Systems segments have both separate and shared manufacturing operations. We produce most of the products we sell.

On June 15, 2007, we completed the acquisition of Multimax Incorporated (Multimax), a provider of information technology and communications services and solutions supporting the DoD, federal civilian agencies and state and local governments. We operate the Multimax business within our Government Communications Systems business segment. See Multimax Acquisition.

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The following summary contains basic information about the notes and is not intended to be complete. It does not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of the notes, please refer to the section of this prospectus supplement entitled "Description of Notes" and the section of the accompanying prospectus entitled "Description of Debt Securities."

Issuer	Harris Corporation
Securities Offered	\$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2017.
Maturity	The notes will mature on December 1, 2017.
Interest	% per year on the principal amount payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2008. Interest will accrue from December , 2007.
Optional Redemption	We may redeem the notes, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at our option, at the make-whole redemption price, as described in this prospectus supplement. See "Description of Notes" Optional Redemption.
Repurchase upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event	If we experience a "Change of Control Repurchase Event," as defined in "Description of Notes" Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event, we may be required, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the notes, to offer to repurchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase, as described in this prospectus supplement. See "Description of Notes" Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event.
Ranking	The notes will be unsecured and unsubordinated and will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured, unsubordinated indebtedness of Harris Corporation from time to time outstanding. At September 28, 2007, assuming completion of this offering, and that the net proceeds of this offering and available cash are used to repay all of the outstanding indebtedness under our commercial paper program incurred in connection with our acquisition of Multimax, approximately \$559.3 million aggregate principal amount of our indebtedness would have ranked equally with the notes. The notes will be structurally subordinated to the obligations of our subsidiaries, including the indebtedness of Harris Stratex Networks, Inc., our 56 percent owned subsidiary, and its subsidiaries, including Harris Stratex Networks Operating Corporation, to the extent of the assets of such subsidiaries. As of September 28, 2007, the balance of the term loan portion of the Harris Stratex Networks Credit Facility was \$16.7 million and there was \$6.7 million in outstanding standby letters of credit under the revolving credit portion of the Harris Stratex Networks Credit Facility. See "Use of Proceeds," "Capitalization" and "Description of Notes" Ranking of

Notes.

Use of Proceeds

We will use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes for general corporate purposes, including repayment of all of the outstanding indebtedness under our commercial paper program incurred in connection with our acquisition of Multimax. Pending such uses, we

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anticipate that we will invest the net proceeds in interest-bearing instruments or other investment-grade securities. See Use of Proceeds.

Trustee

The Bank of New York.

No Listing

We do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange.

Risk Factors

Any investment in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and page 6 of the accompanying prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in the notes involves risks. You should consider carefully the following factors relating to the notes, as well as the factors relating to our business generally and other important matters identified under Risk Factors in the accompanying prospectus and the other information that is included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus in evaluating an investment in the notes. The occurrence of any of the events described in the Risk Factors sections could cause our business and financial results to suffer and the market price of our securities, including the notes, to decline. In this case, you could lose all or part of your investment in the notes.

Risks Related to the Notes and the Offering

There is no established public trading market for the notes.

The notes will constitute a new issue of securities with no established trading market. If a trading market does not develop or is not maintained, holders of notes may find it difficult or impossible to resell their notes. If a trading market were to develop, the notes may trade at prices that are higher or lower than their initial offering price, depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, our operating results and financial condition and the market for similar securities. The underwriters are not obligated to make a market in the notes, and if they do so they may discontinue any market-making activity at any time without notice. Accordingly, there can be no assurance regarding any future development of a trading market for the notes or the ability of holders of the notes to sell their notes at all or the price at which such holders may be able to sell their notes.

Changes in our credit ratings or the financial and credit markets could adversely affect the market price of the notes.

The market price of the notes will be based on a number of factors, including:

- our ratings with major credit rating agencies;
- the prevailing interest rates being paid by companies similar to us; and
- the overall condition of the financial and credit markets.

The condition of the financial and credit markets and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and are likely to fluctuate in the future. Fluctuations in these factors could have an adverse effect on the price of the notes.

In addition, credit rating agencies continually review their ratings for the companies that they follow, including us, and revise those ratings as warranted. The credit rating agencies also evaluate the communications and defense industries as a whole and may change their credit rating for us based on their overall view of our businesses, including the prospects for our major end-user markets. We cannot be sure that credit rating agencies will maintain their ratings on the notes. A negative change in our credit ratings could have an adverse effect on the price of the notes.

The notes will be effectively subordinated to the debt of our subsidiaries, which may limit your recovery.

Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation to pay any amounts due pursuant to the notes or otherwise to make any funds available to us to repay our obligations, whether by dividends, loans or other payments. Moreover, our rights to receive the assets of any subsidiary upon its liquidation or reorganization, and the ability of holders of the notes to benefit indirectly therefrom, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of creditors

of that subsidiary, including trade creditors.

We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control.

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of change of control events, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the notes, each holder of the notes will have the right to require us to repurchase all or any part of such holder's notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the date of repurchase. If we experience a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in Description of Notes Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event), there can be no assurance that we would have sufficient financial resources available to satisfy our obligations to repurchase

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the notes. Our failure to repurchase the notes as required would result in a default under the indenture, which could have material adverse consequences for us and the holders of the notes. See Description of Notes Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event.

Risks Related to our Business

We participate in markets that are often subject to uncertain economic conditions, which makes it difficult to estimate growth in our markets and, as a result, future income and expenditures.

We participate in markets that are subject to uncertain economic conditions. As a result, it is difficult to estimate the level of growth in some of the markets in which we participate. Because all components of our budgeting and forecasting are dependent upon estimates of growth in the markets we serve, the uncertainty renders estimates of future income and expenditures even more difficult. As a result, we may make significant investments and expenditures but never realize the anticipated benefits, which could adversely affect our results of operations. The future direction of the overall domestic and global economies also will have a significant impact on our overall performance.

We depend on the U.S. Government for a significant portion of our revenue, and the loss of this relationship or a shift in U.S. Government funding could have adverse consequences on our future business.

We are highly dependent on sales to the U.S. Government. Approximately 66 percent of our net revenue in each of fiscal 2007, 2006 and 2005 was derived from sales to the U.S. Government. Therefore, any significant disruption or deterioration of our relationship with the U.S. Government would significantly reduce our revenue. Our U.S. Government programs must compete with programs managed by other government contractors for limited resources and for uncertain levels of funding. Our competitors continuously engage in efforts to expand their business relationships with the U.S. Government and will continue these efforts in the future. The U.S. Government may choose to use other contractors for its limited number of programs. In addition, the funding of programs also competes with non-procurement spending of the U.S. Government. Budget decisions made by the U.S. Government are outside of our control and have long-term consequences for our business. A shift in U.S. Government spending to other programs in which we are not involved, an increase in non-procurement spending or a reduction in U.S. Government spending generally, could have material adverse consequences for our business.

We depend significantly on our U.S. Government contracts, which often are only partially funded, subject to immediate termination, and heavily regulated and audited. The termination or failure to fund one or more of these contracts could have an adverse impact on our business.

Over its lifetime, a U.S. Government program may be implemented by the award of many different individual contracts and subcontracts. The funding of U.S. Government programs is subject to Congressional appropriations. Although multi-year contracts may be planned or authorized in connection with major procurements, Congress generally appropriates funds on a fiscal year basis even though a program may continue for several years. Consequently, programs often receive only partial funding initially, and additional funds are committed only as Congress authorizes further appropriations. The termination of funding for a U.S. Government program would result in a loss of anticipated future revenue attributable to that program, which could have an adverse impact on our operations. In addition, the termination of a program or the failure to commit additional funds to a program that already has been started could result in lost revenue and increase our overall costs of doing business.

Generally, U.S. Government contracts are subject to oversight audits by U.S. Government representatives. In addition, the contracts generally contain provisions permitting termination, in whole or in part, without prior notice at the U.S. Government's convenience upon the payment only for work done and commitments made at the time of

termination. We can give no assurance that one or more of our U.S. Government contracts will not be terminated under these circumstances. Also, we can give no assurance that we would be able to procure new contracts to offset the revenue or backlog lost as a result of any termination of our U.S. Government contracts. Because a significant portion of our revenue is dependent on our performance and payment under our U.S. Government contracts, the loss of one or more large contracts could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition.

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Our government business also is subject to specific procurement regulations and a variety of socio-economic and other requirements. These requirements, although customary in U.S. Government contracts, increase our performance and compliance costs. These costs might increase in the future, thereby reducing our margins, which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition. Failure to comply with these regulations and requirements could lead to suspension or debarment from U.S. Government contracting or subcontracting for a period of time. Among the causes for debarment are violations of various statutes, including those related to procurement integrity, export control, U.S. Government security regulations, employment practices, protection of the environment, accuracy of records and the recording of costs and foreign corruption. The termination of a U.S. Government contract or relationship as a result of any of these acts would have an adverse impact on our operations and could have an adverse effect on our standing and eligibility for future U.S. Government contracts.

We enter into fixed-price contracts that could subject us to losses in the event of cost overruns.

We have a number of firm, fixed-price contracts. During fiscal 2007 and 2006, approximately 33 percent and 38 percent, respectively, of our total Defense Communications and Electronics and Government Communications Systems segments revenue was from fixed-price contracts. These contracts allow us to benefit from cost savings, but they carry the burden of potential cost overruns since we assume all of the cost risk. If our initial estimates are incorrect, we can lose money on these contracts. U.S. Government contracts can expose us to potentially large losses because the U.S. Government can hold us responsible for completing a project or, in certain circumstances, paying the entire cost of its replacement by another provider regardless of the size or foreseeability of any cost overruns that occur over the life of the contract. Because many of these contracts involve new technologies and applications and can last for years, unforeseen events, such as technological difficulties, fluctuations in the price of raw materials, problems with other contractors and cost overruns, can result in the contractual price becoming less favorable or even unprofitable to us over time. Furthermore, if we do not meet contract deadlines or specifications, we may need to renegotiate contracts on less favorable terms, be forced to pay penalties or liquidated damages or suffer major losses if the customer exercises its right to terminate. In addition, some of our contracts have provisions relating to cost controls and audit rights, and if we fail to meet the terms specified in those contracts we may not realize their full benefits. Our results of operations are dependent on our ability to maximize our earnings from our contracts. Lower earnings caused by cost overruns and cost controls would have an adverse impact on our financial results. Furthermore, the potential impact of this risk on our earnings, results of operations and financial results would be magnified by a shift in the mix of our contracts and programs toward a greater percentage of firm, fixed-price contracts.

We derive a substantial portion of our revenue from international operations and are subject to the risks of doing business internationally, including fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

We are dependent on sales to customers outside the United States. In fiscal 2007, 2006 and 2005, revenue from products exported from the United States or manufactured abroad was 23 percent, 21 percent and 19 percent, respectively, of our total revenue. Approximately 36 percent of our international business in fiscal 2007 was transacted in local currency environments. Losses resulting from currency rate fluctuations can adversely affect our results. We expect that international revenue will continue to account for a significant portion of our total revenue. Also, a significant portion of our international revenue is in less-developed countries. We are subject to risks of doing business internationally, including:

Currency exchange controls, fluctuations of currency and currency revaluations;

The laws, regulations and policies of foreign governments relating to investments and operations, as well as U.S. laws affecting the activities of U.S. companies abroad;

Changes in regulatory requirements, including imposition of tariffs or embargoes, export controls and other trade restrictions;

Uncertainties and restrictions concerning the availability of funding, credit or guarantees;

The complexity and necessity of using foreign dealers, distributors, sales representatives and consultants;

The difficulty of managing an organization doing business in many countries;

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Import and export licensing requirements and regulations, as well as unforeseen changes in export regulations;

Uncertainties as to local laws and enforcement of contract and intellectual property rights and occasional requirements for onerous contract clauses; and

Rapid changes in government, economic and political policies, political or civil unrest, acts of terrorism or the threat of international boycotts or U.S. anti-boycott legislation.

While these factors and the impacts of these factors are difficult to predict, any one or more of them could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations in the future.

Our future success will depend on our ability to develop new products that achieve market acceptance.

Both our commercial and government businesses are characterized by rapidly changing technologies and evolving industry standards. Accordingly, our future performance depends on a number of factors, including our ability to:

Identify emerging technological trends in our target markets;

Develop and maintain competitive products;

Enhance our products by adding innovative hardware, software or other features that differentiate our products from those of our competitors; and

Manufacture and bring cost-effective products to market quickly.

We believe that, in order to remain competitive in the future, we will need to continue to develop new products, which will require the investment of significant financial resources in new product development. The need to make these expenditures could divert our attention and resources from other projects, and we cannot be sure that these expenditures ultimately will lead to the timely development of new products. Due to the design complexity of some of our products, we may experience delays in completing development and introducing new products in the future. Any delays could result in increased costs of development or redirect resources from other projects. In addition, we cannot provide assurances that the markets for our products will develop as we currently anticipate. The failure of our products to gain market acceptance could significantly reduce our revenue and harm our business. Furthermore, we cannot be sure that our competitors will not develop competing products that gain market acceptance in advance of our products or that our competitors will not develop new products that cause our existing products to become obsolete. If we fail in our new product development efforts or our products fail to achieve market acceptance more rapidly than those of our competitors, our revenue will decline and our business, financial condition and results of operations will be adversely affected.

We cannot predict the consequences of future geo-political events, but they may affect adversely the markets in which we operate, our ability to insure against risks, our operations or our profitability.

The terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001, the subsequent U.S.-led military response, current conflicts in the Middle East and the potential for future terrorist activities and other recent geo-political events have created economic and political uncertainties that could have a material adverse effect on our business and the prices of our securities, including the notes. These matters have caused uncertainty in the world's financial and insurance markets and may increase significantly the political, economic and social instability in the geographic areas in which we operate. These matters also have caused the premiums charged for our insurance coverages to increase and may

cause some coverages to be unavailable altogether. While our government businesses have benefited from homeland defense initiatives and the war on terror, these developments may affect adversely our business and profitability and the prices of our securities, including the notes, in ways that we cannot predict at this time.

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We have made, and may continue to make, strategic acquisitions that involve significant risks and uncertainties.

We have made, and we may continue to make, strategic acquisitions that involve significant risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include:

Difficulty in integrating newly acquired businesses and operations in an efficient and cost-effective manner and the risk that we encounter significant unanticipated costs or other problems associated with integration;

Challenges in achieving strategic objectives, cost savings and other benefits expected from acquisitions;

Risk that our markets do not evolve as anticipated and that the strategic acquisitions do not prove to be those needed to be successful in those markets;

Risk that we assume significant liabilities that exceed the limitations of any applicable indemnification provisions or the financial resources of any indemnifying parties;

Potential loss of key employees of the acquired businesses; and

Risk of diverting the attention of senior management from our existing operations.

The inability of our subcontractors to perform, or our key suppliers to timely deliver our components or products, could cause our products to be produced in an untimely or unsatisfactory manner.

On many of our contracts, we engage subcontractors. In addition, there are certain parts or components which we source from other manufacturers or vendors. Some of our suppliers, from time to time, experience financial and operational difficulties, which may impact their ability to supply the materials, components and subsystems that we require. Any inability to develop alternative sources of supply on a cost-effective and timely basis could materially impair our ability to manufacture and deliver products to our customers. We can give no assurances that we will be free from material supply problems or component or subsystems problems in the future. Also, our subcontractors and other suppliers may not be able to maintain the quality of the materials, components and subsystems they supply, which might result in greater product returns and warranty claims and could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Third parties have claimed in the past and may claim in the future that we are infringing directly or indirectly upon their intellectual property rights, and third parties may infringe upon our intellectual property rights.

Many of the markets we serve are characterized by vigorous protection and pursuit of intellectual property rights, which often has resulted in protracted and expensive litigation. Third parties have claimed in the past and may claim in the future that we are infringing directly or indirectly upon their intellectual property rights, and we may be found to be infringing or to have infringed directly or indirectly upon those intellectual property rights. Claims of intellectual property infringement might also require us to enter into costly royalty or license agreements. Moreover, we may not be able to obtain royalty or license agreements on terms acceptable to us, or at all. We also may be subject to significant damages or injunctions against development and sale of certain of our products. Our success depends in large part on our proprietary technology. We rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, know-how, confidentiality provisions and licensing arrangements to establish and protect our intellectual property rights. If we fail to successfully protect and enforce these rights, our competitive position could suffer. Our pending patent and trademark registration applications may not be allowed, or competitors may challenge the validity or scope of our patents or trademark registrations. In addition, our patents may not provide us with a significant competitive advantage. We may be required to spend significant resources to monitor and police our intellectual property rights.

We may not be able to detect infringement and our competitive position may be harmed before we do so. In addition, competitors may design around our technology or develop competing technologies.

The outcome of litigation or arbitration in which we are involved is unpredictable and an adverse decision in any such matter could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

We are defendants in a number of litigation matters and are involved in a number of arbitrations. These actions may divert financial and management resources that would otherwise be used to benefit our operations.

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No assurances can be given that the results of these or new matters will be favorable to us. An adverse resolution of lawsuits or arbitrations could have a material adverse affect on our financial condition.

We are subject to customer credit risk.

We sometimes provide medium-term and long-term customer financing. Customer financing arrangements may include all or a portion of the purchase price for our products and services, as well as working capital. We also may assist customers in obtaining financing from banks and other sources on a recourse or non-recourse basis. While we generally have been able to place a portion of our customer financings with third-party lenders, or to otherwise insure a portion of this risk, a portion of these financings is provided directly by us. There can be higher risks associated with some of these financings, particularly when provided to start-up operations such as local network providers, to customers in developing countries or to customers in specific financing-intensive areas of the telecommunications industry. If customers fail to meet their obligations, losses could be incurred and such losses could have an adverse effect on us. Our losses could be much greater if it becomes more difficult to place or insure against these risks with third parties. These risks may increase when the availability of credit decreases.

Developing new technologies entails significant risks and uncertainties.

We are exposed to liabilities that are unique to the products and services we provide. A significant portion of our business relates to designing, developing and manufacturing advanced defense and technology systems and products. New technologies associated with these systems and products may be untested or unproven. Components of certain of the defense systems and products we develop are inherently dangerous. Failures of satellites, missile systems, air-traffic control systems, homeland security applications and aircraft have the potential to cause loss of life and extensive property damage. In most circumstances, we may receive indemnification from the U.S. Government. While we maintain insurance for certain risks, the amount of our insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover all claims or liabilities, and we may be forced to bear substantial costs from an accident or incident. It also is not possible to obtain insurance to protect against all operational risks and liabilities. Substantial claims resulting from an incident in excess of U.S. Government indemnity and our insurance coverage could harm our financial condition, operating results and cash flows. Moreover, any accident or incident for which we are liable, even if fully insured, could negatively affect our standing among our customers and the public, thereby making it more difficult for us to compete effectively, and could significantly impact the cost and availability of adequate insurance in the future.

Changes in our effective tax rate may have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

Our future effective tax rate may be adversely affected by a number of factors including:

The jurisdictions in which profits are determined to be earned and taxed;

Adjustments to estimated taxes upon finalization of various tax returns;

Increases in expenses not deductible for tax purposes, including write-offs of acquired in-process research and development and impairment of goodwill in connection with acquisitions;

Changes in available tax credits;

Changes in share-based compensation expense;

Changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities;

Changes in tax laws or the interpretation of such tax laws; and

The resolution of issues arising from tax audits with various tax authorities.

Any significant increase in our future effective tax rates could adversely impact net income for future periods.

Our consolidated financial results may be impacted by Harris Stratex Networks financial results, which may vary significantly and be difficult to forecast.

We consolidate Harris Stratex Networks financial results in our results of operations. Harris Stratex Networks financial results may vary significantly in the future and may be affected by a number of factors

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(many of which are outside of our and Harris Stratex Networks control), and accordingly are expected to be difficult to forecast. Delays in product delivery or closing of a sale can cause quarterly revenues and quarterly net income to fluctuate significantly from anticipated levels. In addition, Harris Stratex Networks may increase spending in response to competition or in pursuit of new market opportunities. Accordingly, we cannot provide assurances that Harris Stratex Networks will be able to achieve profitability in the future or, if profitability is attained, that Harris Stratex Networks will be able to sustain profitability, particularly on a quarter-to-quarter basis.

Because we consolidate Harris Stratex Networks financial results in our results of operations, fluctuations in and difficulty in forecasting Harris Stratex Networks financial results will result in fluctuations in and likely greater difficulty in forecasting our consolidated results of operations. As a result, such fluctuations and forecasting difficulty may impact our consolidated financial results.

We have significant operations in Florida, California and other locations that could be materially and adversely impacted in the event of a natural disaster.

Our corporate headquarters and significant operations of our Defense Communications and Electronics and Government Communications Systems segments are located in Florida. In addition, our Broadcast Communications and Harris Stratex Networks segments have locations near major earthquake fault lines in California. In the event of a major hurricane, earthquake or other natural disaster we could experience business interruptions, destruction of facilities and/or loss of life, all of which could materially adversely affect our business.

Changes in future business conditions could cause business investments and/or recorded goodwill to become impaired, resulting in substantial losses and write-downs that would reduce our results of operations.

As part of our overall strategy, we will, from time to time, acquire a minority or majority interest in a business. These investments are made upon careful target analysis and due diligence procedures designed to achieve a desired return or strategic objective. These procedures often involve certain assumptions and judgment in determining acquisition price. After acquisition, unforeseen issues could arise which adversely affect the anticipated returns or which are otherwise not recoverable as an adjustment to the purchase price. Even after careful integration efforts, actual operating results may vary significantly from initial estimates. At the end of fiscal 2007, goodwill accounted for approximately 35 percent of our recorded total assets. We evaluate the recoverability of recorded goodwill amounts annually, or when evidence of potential impairment exists. The annual impairment test is based on several factors requiring judgment. Principally, a decrease in expected reporting segment cash flows or changes in market conditions may indicate potential impairment of recorded goodwill. For additional information on accounting policies we have in place for goodwill impairment, see our discussion under Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2007.

In order to be successful, we must attract and retain key employees, and failure to do so could seriously harm us.

Our business has a continuing need to attract significant numbers of skilled personnel, including personnel holding security clearances, to support our growth and to replace individuals who have terminated employment due to retirement or for other reasons. To the extent that the demand for qualified personnel exceeds supply, as has been the case in recent years, we could experience higher labor, recruiting or training costs in order to attract and retain such employees, or could experience difficulties in performing under our contracts if our needs for such employees were unmet.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$ million from the sale of the notes offered by this prospectus, after deducting underwriting discounts and our estimated offering expenses. We will use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes for general corporate purposes, including repayment of all of the outstanding indebtedness under our commercial paper program incurred in connection with our acquisition of Multimax. As of November 26, 2007, the indebtedness under our commercial paper program was approximately \$301 million and had a weighted average interest rate of approximately 5.00% and an average maturity of approximately one day. Our management will retain broad discretion in the allocation of the net proceeds from the sale of the notes offered by this prospectus. Pending such uses, we anticipate that we will invest the net proceeds in interest-bearing instruments or other investment-grade securities.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated is set forth below.

We compute the ratio of earnings to fixed charges by dividing (i) earnings (loss), which consists of net income from continuing operations before income taxes plus fixed charges and amortization of capitalized interest less interest capitalized during the period and adjusted for undistributed earnings in equity investments, by (ii) fixed charges, which consist of interest expense, capitalized interest, the portion of rental expense under operating leases estimated to be representative of the interest factor and preference security dividend requirements of consolidated subsidiaries.

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