Curtiss-Wright Completes Acquisition of Spirent's Sensor and Control Assets

LYNDHURST, N.J., Apr 1, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW, CW.B) today announced it has completed acquiring the stock of Penny and Giles Controls Ltd., Penny & Giles Controls Inc., Penny and Giles Aerospace Ltd. and the assets of Autronics Corporation from U.K.-based Spirent, Plc. The acquisition agreement was previously announced on February 20, 2002.

Penny and Giles is a leading designer and manufacturer of proprietary position sensors and control hardware for both military and commercial aerospace applications and industrial markets. Autronics is a leading provider of aerospace fire detection and suppression control systems, power conversion products and control electronics. Sales of the acquired businesses for the year 2001 were approximately $62 million. Curtiss-Wright purchased the stock and assets for $60 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. The acquisition is expected to be immediately accretive to earnings and will operate as part of Curtiss-Wright's Motion Control business segment.

"We are pleased to complete the transaction with Spirent which broadens our product and technology offerings and significantly expands our presence in the global aerospace and defense electronics industry," stated Martin Benante, Curtiss-Wright's Chairman and CEO. "The addition of these businesses and other recently completed acquisitions bring our pro forma annual sales run rate, based upon 2001 results, to approximately $464 million."

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a diversified company headquartered in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. The Company designs, manufactures and overhauls products for motion control and flow control applications and additionally is a provider of metal treatment services. The firm employs approximately 3,200 people. More information on Curtiss-Wright can be found on the Internet at www.curtisswright.com.

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