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Ron Cook is the Managing Director of L3 Technologies UK Group Limited. L-3 Communications is Headquartered in New York City, and is a leading supplier of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems and products, secure communications, avionics and ocean products, training devices and services, microwave components and telemetry, instrumentation, space and navigation products. Based in London, he is responsible for assisting the operating divisions and senior management in furthering the Corporation's interests in the UK and Europe.

Prior to joining L-3 Communications, Ron was the Director for Equipment Capability (Intelligence, Surveillance, Targeting and Reconnaissance) (ISTAR) in the Ministry of Defence. A joint appointment, he was responsible for developing the future equipment programme for ISTAR across all 3 services, including space. He was the Station Commander at Royal Air Force Waddington, the Royal Air Force's strategic base for ISTAR, and home to the E-3D, Nimrod R, ASTOR and the Air Warfare Centre.

In addition to his flying time on the E-3D and Nimrod R, he has over 2500 flying hours on the F-4 Phantom. He was appointed a Commander of the British Empire in 2001, and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 2008.

Ron graduated from the Royal Air Force Staff College at Bracknell in 1991 and holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Brunel University, having been sponsored by Dowty Aerospace. He lives in Suffolk and has two children, Sarah and Simon. Ron enjoys playing tennis and golf and is a keen skier. His other pastimes include vintage car and tractor restoration and playing the trumpet.