

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Electrocomponents plc will be held at the Company's premises: The International Management Centre, 5000 Oxford Business Park South, Oxford OX4 2BH on Friday 15 July 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

The business of the meeting will be:

Ordinary business

Report and Accounts

1 To receive the accounts and the reports of the Directors and the auditors for the year ended 31 March 2005.

Directors' Remuneration Report

2 To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 31 March 2005.

Declaration of dividend

3 To declare a final dividend on the ordinary shares.

Retiring Directors

4 To elect Mr K Abbott as a Director.

5 To re-elect Mr R A Lawson as a Director.

6 To re-elect Mr K Hamill as a Director.

7 To re-elect Dr F D Lennertz as a Director.

Auditors' appointment and remuneration

8 To reappoint KPMG Audit Plc as auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to agree their remuneration.

Special business

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions which will be proposed as Special Resolutions:

Renewal of Directors' authority to allot shares

9 That the Company is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 163(3) of the Companies Act 1985) of ordinary shares of 10p each in the Company (ordinary shares) provided that:

(a) the maximum number of ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 43,525,000;

(b) the minimum price which may be paid for ordinary shares is 10p per ordinary share;

(c) the maximum price which may be paid for ordinary shares is an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for an ordinary share taken from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase;

(d) the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, unless such authority is renewed prior to such a time; and

(e) the Company may make a contract to purchase ordinary shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority, and may make a purchase of ordinary shares in pursuance of such contract.

Alteration of the Articles of Association – indemnity to directors and officers

10 That Article 165.1 of the Company's Articles of Association be deleted and replaced with the following:

"Subject to the provisions of CA 1985, but without prejudice to any indemnity which he may otherwise be entitled, every Director, alternate Director, Secretary or other officer of the Company (except the Auditors) shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Company, provided that this Article 165.1 shall be deemed not to provide for, or entitle any such person to, indemnification to the extent that it would cause this Article 165.1, or any element of it, to be treated as void under CA 1985."

By order of the Board

Carmelina Carfora

Company Secretary
25 May 2005

Registered Office: International Management Centre,
5000 Oxford Business Park South, Oxford, OX4 2BH
Registered Number: 647788

Notes:

(i) A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and (on a poll) vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Appointment of a proxy will not preclude a member from attending or voting at the meeting if he/she subsequently wishes to do so.

(ii) Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, the Company has specified that only those shareholders registered in the Register of Members of the Company as at 6:00 p.m. on 13 July 2005 will be entitled to attend or vote at the Meeting in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at that time. Changes to entries on the relevant Register of Members after 6:00 p.m. on 13 July 2005 will be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the Meeting.

(iii) A form of proxy is enclosed. To be effective a proxy form and the authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such authority must be deposited at the offices of the Company's registrars, Lloyds TSB Registrars, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex, BN99 6ZL by not later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday 13 July 2005.

(iv) CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Annual General Meeting to be held on 15 July 2005 at 2:00 p.m. and any adjournment(s) thereof by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST Personal Members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with CRESTCo's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy

or an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID 7RA01) by the latest time(s) for receipt of proxy appointments specified in the notice of meeting. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.

CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that CRESTCo does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.

(v) The Register of Directors' Interests and copies of all Contracts of Service of the Directors together with terms and conditions of appointment of the Non-Executive Directors are available for inspection during business hours at the registered office of the Company and will be available for inspection at the place of the Meeting from half an hour before the time of the Meeting until the conclusion of the Meeting.

(vi) Biographical details of the Directors who are proposed for re-election or election at the Annual General Meeting are set out on pages 20 and 21.