

QUEEN'S AWARD FOR OPL



ADS member Optimal Performance Ltd (OPL) has won the Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade. OPL, established in 1996, provides research and consultancy services in human factors to improve the health and performance of personnel in physically demanding occupations, especially in the Armed Forces and emergency services.

Based in Bristol, UK, and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, the company has won international contracts in defence and security in the USA, Australia and the UAE. In 2008 OPL supported the opening of a health and sports medicine centre at a military high school in the UAE, providing the health specialists to lead the multi-disciplinary teams. A team of 25 Emirati and international staff now work to improve the health, fitness, physical performance and well-being of students through education and consultancy in the areas of physical training, nutrition and dietetics, health, and sports medicine.

The initial contract with the Emirati Armed Forces was for two years and received an extension to continue its work until 2012.

OPL won the Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade for growing its overseas sales more than nine-fold in three years.

Vulcan's diamond jubilee salute

As the UK gears up to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's diamond jubilee, the British aerospace industry is looking forward to celebrating a 60th anniversary of a different kind – the Vulcan aircraft.

The much-loved all-British delta-winged aircraft embodies the spirit of engineering excellence that the UK aerospace industry continues to promote.

Tying the two celebrations together, a nationwide diamond jubilee tribute to Her Majesty is being launched in spring 2012 by the charity that operates the last flying Vulcan. With the blessing of Buckingham Palace, XH558 'The Spirit of Great Britain' will fly across the UK, celebrating 60 years of British achievement in a salute to Her Majesty.

The Vulcan has a special relationship with the Royal Family: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH Prince Michael of Kent have each piloted a Vulcan.

Vulcan XH558 is the last flying example of the V-force – Vulcan, Victor

and Valiant – and is, arguably, one of the most engaging and dramatic embodiments of design and technical innovation during the Queen's reign.

When the first Vulcan flew on August 30 1952, its futuristic delta wings and unprecedented performance were a potent symbol for the dawning of a new Elizabethan age.

Today, following a remarkable restoration, the last flying Vulcan receives no funding from Government or the RAF, so is almost entirely dependent on public generosity.

Graham Chisnall, ADS Group managing director, said: "Vulcan to the Sky Trust has some terrific plans to use the aircraft to mark this wonderful year, touring the country and providing opportunities for our members to join the jubilee celebrations in a very appropriate way. ADS is happy to endorse the Vulcan's unique 'salute to Her Majesty' and I'd like to encourage all our members to consider taking part."



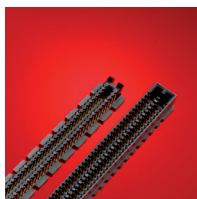
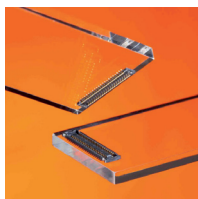
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