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HRH THE DUKE OF YORK VISITS MERIDIAN AUDIO

His Royal Highness, Prince Andrew The Duke of York, KG, the UK's Special Representative for International Trade and Investment, today visited the headquarters of Meridian Audio, the Cambridgeshire-based specialist manufacturer of high-end audio and video entertainment, during a tour of British export businesses in the region.

Led by Tim Ireland, CEO of the world-class consumer electronics company, The Duke of York met with Meridian's Senior management team, including Founders Bob Stuart and Allen Boothroyd, and listened with great interest about the design philosophy and origins of the brand which has seen export business increasing each quarter since April 2009.

He was then guided through the Cambridgeshire facility which included an insight into the organisation's research and technology capabilities, and an overview of the product development and assembly process. This was complemented by a private demonstration of some of Meridian's award-winning technology, before proceeding to the Digital Theatre where the Duke experienced first hand, the world's first 10-megapixel home cinema projector.

Bob Stuart, Meridian's Chairman and Chief Technical Officer said: "We feel very privileged to have been given the opportunity to meet with The Duke of York during his busy schedule, and to be able to share both our success story and passion for cutting-edge technology with him. It is always truly unique to have your achievements recognised by a member of the Royal Family."

Following the tour, the Duke signed the visitor's book to commemorate the occasion.

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Image caption: His Royal Highness The Duke of York visits the headquarters of Meridian Audio in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

About Meridian Audio Limited

Meridian is based near Cambridge, UK, and was founded in 1977 by Bob Stuart and Allen Boothroyd. With over 30 years' history of innovation and development of uncompromised consumer home entertainment systems offering exceptional performance, this award-winning company is widely recognised as a world leader in high-quality audio and video reproduction. Meridian developed the first audiophile CD player, the world's first consumer digital surround controller, and the MLP lossless packing system included in Blu-ray Disc. The company's optical disc players, DSP-based loudspeakers, video projectors, and scalars are unique in the industry, maintaining a super-quality digital signal throughout the path from the studio to the home, using advanced digital signal processing to deliver both a sweet, natural sound and smooth, crystal-sharp images with true cinematic realism. In late 2008, Meridian acquired leading networked media server developer Sooloos, and today the Meridian Sooloos Digital Media System offers a unique combination of superb digital audio quality with the world's most innovative, flexible and intuitive touch-screen-based home entertainment system.