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For the Month of July 12, 2002

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MARCONI PLC

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

One Bruton Street London W1J 6AQ England

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes ___ No X

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In order to utilize the "Safe Harbor" provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"), Marconi plc (the "Company") is providing the following cautionary statement. Except for historical information contained herein, statements contained in this Report on Form 6-K may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Reform Act. The words "believe", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "estimate", "plan", "assume", "positioned", "will", "may", "risk" and other similar expressions which are predictions of or indicate future events and future trends which do not relate to historical matters identify forward-looking statements. Reliance should not be placed on such statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which are in some cases beyond the control of the Company, together with its subsidiaries (the "Group"), and may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Group to differ materially from anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements (and from past results, performance or achievement). Certain factors that may cause such differences include but are not limited to the following: (1) any major disruption in production at our key facilities; (2) changes in the environmental, tax and other laws and regulations, which, among other things, could cause us to incur substantial additional capital expenditures and operation and maintenance costs; and (3) adverse changes in the markets for our products, including as a result of increased competition in the highly competitive international markets for such products. These and other risks, uncertainties and factors are discussed in the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1 and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including this Form 6-K. Shareholders and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as to the Company's judgment as of the date hereof. Any such forward-looking statements are not intended to give any assurance as to future results. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether to reflect new information or future events or circumstances or otherwise.

**MARCONI SELLS APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES
DIVISION FOR £57 MILLION**

London, July 12 2002 - Marconi (MONI) today announced that it has agreed the sale of its Applied Technologies division (MTech), to 3i and funds associated with 3i, for £57 million (comprising £50 million in cash and a £7 million vendor loan note). The company will trade as E2V Technologies. The sale of Marconi Applied Technologies Limited and Marconi Applied Technologies Inc completed today. The completion of the sale of assets of Marconi Applied Technologies' French business will occur subject to the receipt of French regulatory approval.

Mike Parton, chief executive, Marconi plc, said: "This transaction represents good news for Marconi Applied Technologies, its customers and staff, as well as Marconi plc, re-positioning this strong business for long term growth whilst releasing cash proceeds to Marconi."

Marconi Applied Technologies is a technology innovator and market leader in radio frequency (RF) microwave and imaging components and subsystems for the industrial, medical, scientific and broadcast communications market sectors. Headquartered in Chelmsford, Essex, and with a base in Lincoln, the company employs over 1,350 people worldwide, primarily in the UK. The division also has operations in the United States, Germany and France and has established a network of agents and distributors covering the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Far East and Australia.

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Notes to Editors

About Marconi plc

Marconi plc is a global telecommunications equipment and solutions company headquartered in London. The company's core business is the provision of innovative and reliable optical networks, broadband routing and switching and broadband access technologies and services. The company's aim is to help fixed and mobile telecommunications operators worldwide reduce costs and increase revenues.

The company's customer base includes many of the world's largest telecommunications operators. The company is listed on the London Stock Exchange under the symbol MONI. Additional information about Marconi can be found at www.marconi.com.

This press release contains forward-looking statements with respect to products, partners, customers, future growth and other matters. Please refer to the Form 20-F report and Form 6-K reports filed by Marconi plc with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for a discussion of risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MARCONI PLC

By: 

Name: N C Porter
Title: Secretary

Date: July 12, 2002