



## **Parthus Technologies and DSP Group Announce Receipt of Favourable IRS Ruling**

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Dublin and Santa Clara, Calif. - 15 July 2002 - Parthus Technologies plc ("Parthus") (LSE: PRH, Nasdaq: PRTH), DSP Group, Inc. ("DSPG") (Nasdaq: DSPG) and Ceva, Inc. ("Ceva") jointly announce that DSPG has now received a ruling from the United States Internal Revenue Service that the contribution of the DSP cores licensing business of DSPG to Ceva and the distribution of the shares of Ceva to the stockholders of DSPG will be treated as a tax-free transaction for United States federal income tax purposes.

This ruling satisfies the final pre-condition of the proposed combination of Parthus with Ceva, announced on 5 April 2002 ("Combination"). Accordingly, it is expected that formal documentation in relation to the Combination will be dispatched to Parthus shareholders in early August 2002, with completion of the Combination expected during Q3 2002.

The Combination is to be effected by a scheme of arrangement ("Scheme") and is subject to, inter alia, the approval of the Scheme by shareholders of Parthus and the sanction of the Scheme by the High Court in Dublin.

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