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SMTC Appoints New Senior Vice President Supply Chain

TORONTO, Feb. 28 /CNW/ - SMTC Corporation (NASDAQ: SMTX/TSX: SMX), a global provider of electronics manufacturing services (EMS), announced the appointment of Mr. Paul Blom to the position of Senior Vice President Supply Chain.

Mr. Blom will lead SMTC's global supply chain strategy and execution, including materials planning, strategic procurement and logistics.

Mr. Blom brings more than 20 years of extensive electronics manufacture, supply chain management and procurement expertise to his new role with SMTC. Mr. Blom's background includes 10 years of senior management experience in the EMS industry. Most recently, Mr. Blom was Senior Vice President, Global Supply Chain Management Operations for a top tier EMS provider where he was responsible for the company's global SCM sourcing, purchasing, logistics, order fulfillment and global inventory asset management.

"We welcome Paul Blom to our executive team. Under Paul's leadership, we intend to bring unique, tailored solutions to each of our customers that will enhance their competitiveness, lower total cost of ownership and increase flexibility. Paul's mandate will be to expand, optimize and align SMTC's supply chain management capability and processes with our customers' objectives," said John Caldwell, President and Chief Executive Officer. "SMTC is committed to proactively develop and execute an innovative supply chain strategy and drive operational excellence across the entire supply chain network."

About SMTC Corporation: SMTC Corporation, founded in 1985, is a mid-size provider of end-to-end electronics manufacturing services (EMS) including PCBA production, systems integration & comprehensive testing services, enclosure fabrication, as well as product design, sustaining engineering and supply chain management services. SMTC facilities span a broad footprint in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and China, with 1800 full time employees. SMTC services extend over the entire electronic product life cycle from the development and introduction of new products through to the growth, maturity and end-of-life phases. SMTC offers fully integrated contract manufacturing services to global original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and emerging technology companies primarily within industrial, computing and communication market segments.

SMTC is a public company incorporated in Delaware with its shares traded on the Nasdaq National Market System under the symbol SMTX and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol SMX. For further information on SMTC Corporation, please visit our website at www.smtc.com .

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