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## **SMTC Announces New Chair of the Board**

TORONTO, Aug. 31 /CNW/ - SMTC Corporation (Nasdaq: SMTX, TSX: SMX) The board of directors of SMTC Corporation announces the appointment of Mr. Wayne McLeod as non-executive Chair of the Board.

Mr. McLeod brings extensive board and general management experience to SMTC. Previously he served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of CCL Industries from 1980 to 1999. Currently, Mr. McLeod is a member of the board of directors of Morguard Corp., Turbo Genset Inc., Richards Packaging Inc. and Atlas Cold Storage. He also serves on the boards of the Canadian Utility Council and the Institute of Corporate Directors.

"We are delighted to have Wayne as our new board Chair", stated John Caldwell, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Earlier in the year we committed to separating the roles of Chair of the Board and Chief Executive Officer as part of SMTC's commitment to follow governance best practices."

"This is an exciting time for SMTC as the Company transitions to growth and improved financial performance", stated Mr. McLeod. "I look forward to providing board leadership and to contributing to SMTC's future success."

**About the Company:** SMTC Corporation is a global provider of advanced electronic manufacturing services. The Company's electronics manufacturing, technology and design centers are located in Appleton, Wisconsin; Boston, Massachusetts; San Jose, California; Toronto, Canada; and Chihuahua, Mexico with a third party facility in Chang An, China. SMTC offers technology companies and electronics OEMs a full range of value-added services. SMTC supports the needs of a growing, diversified OEM customer base primarily within the industrial, networking, communications and computing markets. 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. Visit SMTC's web site, [www.smtc.com](http://www.smtc.com), for more information about the Company.

**Note for Investors:** The statements contained in this release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements which involve risk and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. These statements may be identified by their use

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