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Prim'Tools Selects SMTC China as Strategic Manufacturing Partner

SMTC is awarded new contract to build precise laser leveling equipment at their China facility

TORONTO, CANADA – October 11, 2011 – SMTC Corporation (Nasdaq: SMTX, TSX: SMX) (“SMTC”), a recognized global electronics manufacturing services provider, announces today that they have successfully secured a manufacturing partnership with Prim'Tools, one of the world's leading manufacturers and distributors of laser level surveying equipment, and measurement devices. Prim'Tools is part of Hexagon Group, a world leader in design, measurement, and visualization technologies and solutions.

Prim'Tools have chosen SMTC's Dongguan, China based manufacturing facility to provide a complete turn-key manufacturing solution for its next generation of laser precision measurement equipment used in the construction industry. In order to meet Prim'Tools objectives, SMTC has established a dedicated core team for new product introduction (NPI) and performed design for manufacturing (DFM) analyses as part of its engineering solution based services. SMTC will also provide complex electronic manufacturing services including Printed Circuit Board Assembly (PCBA) production, board level assembly and testing.

Prim'Tools will leverage SMTC's expertise in Supply Chain Management (SCM) services by utilizing its well-established network of material sourcing and purchasing power to help drive costs and reduce delivery times through its Procurement Centre in Hong Kong.

"We are confident that SMTC will be committed to providing Prim'Tools with excellent turn-key solutions and we very much look forward to building on this partnership as we move forward", said Eric Lee, General Manager of Prim'Tools.

"We're delighted to welcome Prim'Tools as our newest customer," said Andy Li, Vice President and General Manager of SMTC China. "Our customers rely on our dedicated people and manufacturing



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capabilities as they deliver mission critical solutions to their end customers. We look forward to partnering with Prim'Tools to deliver superior service and operational excellence.”

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 and 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, and Mexico, and a partnering relationship in China, with more than 1,000 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 with a distinctive approach 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 (<http://www.smtc.com/>)

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About Prim'Tools: Prim' Tools is a laser level manufacturer, surveying equipment and accessories, measurement tools and devices distributor. It is located in Hong Kong, headquartered in France, with factories in the US, Germany, France and China. For more information, please visit, <http://www.hexagon.com>



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