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SMTC Corporation Appoints New Board Director

TORONTO, Tuesday, February 22, 2011 - SMTC Corporation (Nasdaq: SMTX) (TSX: SMX), a global electronics manufacturing services (EMS) provider, announced today the appointment of Mr. Claude Germain to its Board of Directors. Mr. Germain brings extensive supply chain, operating and strategic leadership experience to the SMTC board.

Currently, Mr. Germain is Managing Partner and Principal for Rouge River Capital Ltd., a merchant bank focused on midmarket industrial and supply chain businesses. He also serves on the board of TAL International Group, Inc. as well as several private company boards. Previously, he served as Managing Director of Schenker Canada, a leading logistics company from 2005 to 2010. Prior to joining Schenker, Mr. Germain was Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Cube Route. He was also Chief Operating Officer and Co-Founder of Grocery Gateway Inc; President of a Texas-based third party logistics firm; and a management consultant for The Boston Consulting Group.

Mr. Germain is a graduate of the Harvard Business School, where he received a master of business administration degree. He also has a bachelor of science degree in engineering physics from Queens University.

"Claude will be an asset to our board as he brings extensive capabilities and a solid track record in positioning companies for success," stated Wayne McLeod, chairman, SMTC Board of Directors.

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 over 1,500 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/>)

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 of forward-looking terminology such as "believes", "expect", "may", "should", "would", "will", "intends", "plans", "estimates", "anticipates" and similar words, and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the expectations, intentions or strategies of SMTC Corporation. For these statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provisions contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Risks and uncertainties that may cause future results to differ from forward-looking statements include the challenges of managing quickly expanding operations and integrating acquired companies, fluctuations in demand for customers' products and changes in customers' product sources, competition in the EMS industry, component shortages, and others discussed in the Company's most recent filings with securities regulators in the United States and Canada. The forward-looking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof and the Company assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements, or to update the reasons why actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

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