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SMTC Receives NASDAQ Notice of Minimum Bid Price Requirements

TORONTO – September 18, 2009 -- SMTC Corporation (Nasdaq: SMTX, TSE: SMX), a global electronics manufacturing services provider, today reported that on September 15, 2009 it received a notice from The Nasdaq Stock Market stating that the minimum bid price of the Company's common stock was below \$1.00 per share for 30 consecutive business days and that the Company was therefore not in compliance with Marketplace Rule 5450(a)(1). This notification has no effect on the listing of the Company's common stock at this time.

In accordance with Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), SMTC will be provided 180 calendar days, or until March 15, 2010 to regain compliance by maintaining a closing bid price per share of \$1.00 or higher for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days. If the Company does not regain compliance during this initial compliance period, Nasdaq will provide written notification to the Company that the Company's common stock will be delisted. At that time, the Company may appeal Nasdaq's delisting determination to a Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel. Alternatively, the Company could apply to transfer its common stock to The Nasdaq Capital Market if it meets all of the requirements, with the exception of the minimum bid price requirement, for initial listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market set forth in Marketplace Rule 5505. If the Company were to elect to apply for such transfer and if it satisfies the applicable requirements and its application is approved, the Company would have an additional 180 calendar days to regain compliance with the minimum bid price rule while listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market.

The Company plans to regain compliance with the continued listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

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, Mexico, and China, with more than 1000 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 Global 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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