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**SMTC Corporation to Present at the Sidoti & Company, LLC
Semi-Annual New York Micro-Cap Conference**

Leading Electronics Manufacturing Services provider SMTC to present at investors' conference on January 9, 2012

Toronto, Canada. – January 5, 2012 – SMTC Corporation (Nasdaq: SMTX, TSX; SMX) (“SMTC”), a global electronics manufacturing services provider, delivering customized contract manufacturing solutions to both original equipment manufacturers and emerging technology companies, today announced that Alex Walker and Claude Germain Presidents and Co-CEO’s, will present an overview on SMTC at the Sidoti & Company Semi-Annual New York Micro-Cap Conference at 2:00 p.m. EST on Monday, January 9, 2012 in the Estate 1 Winter Garden room at The Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York. SMTC’s senior executives will be available during the day for one-on-one meetings. To schedule a meeting, please contact your Sidoti representative.

A copy of the presentation will accompany management's presentation at the conference and will be available on the SMTC corporate website (www.smtc.com) at the time of the presentation. To view the presentation, from the home page, select “Investor Relations”.

About SMTC Corporation: SMTC Corporation, founded in 1985, is a global provider of flexible and customized electronics manufacturing services (EMS) including PCBA production, systems integration and testing, enclosure fabrication, as well as design, engineering and supply chain management services. SMTC facilities span a broad footprint in Mexico, United States, Canada and China, with more than 1,800 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, medical, 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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