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### **SMTC Expands into the Military and Defense Industry**

SMTC's San Jose manufacturing facility achieves ITAR Registration

**TORONTO, CANADA – October 13, 2011** – SMTC Corporation (Nasdaq: SMTX, TSX: SMX) ("SMTC"), a global electronics manufacturing services provider, is announcing that their San Jose, CA, manufacturing facility has received ITAR (International Traffic in Arms Regulations) registration with the US Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC). ITAR compliance is a key element of SMTC's strategic program to support military and defense customers. The program enhances the existing SMTC Document Control policies and assists with the protection of sensitive products and data for customers.

ITAR is a program directed by the US Department of State to regulate the export and import of U.S. military and defense-related equipment and information. Companies receiving this certification must have the knowledge and understanding to fully comply with ITAR regulations and demonstrate that they have implemented corporate procedures and controls to ensure compliance. The ITAR Registration means that SMTC's manufacturing facility in San Jose, CA is able to fully support military and defense-related projects in the United States.

"Receiving ITAR registration is a significant milestone for SMTC and demonstrates commitment to supporting our military and defense customers. We have taken an important step forward in establishing ourselves as a leading electronic manufacturing services provider in the government sector", said Paul Blom Executive Vice President, of Operations for SMTC.

**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



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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) (<http://www.smtc.com/>)

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