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## Westell Names Kirk R. Brannock Chairman of the Board

AURORA, Ill., Sept. 15, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Westell Technologies, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:WSTL), a leading provider of high-performance wireless infrastructure solutions, announced today that its Board of Directors appointed Kirk R. Brannock to serve as Chairman of the Board. He replaces Dennis O. Harris, who served as Interim Chairman since September 2016 and will continue to serve as a director.

Westell stockholders elected Mr. Brannock, who served as Westell's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer from October 2016 through July 2017, and Matthew B. Brady, Westell's current President and Chief Executive Officer, to the Board of Directors at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on September 12, 2017. Previously, Mr. Brannock served as a member of Westell's Board of Directors from February 2011 to September 2014.

"Kirk's long-term commitment to Westell and the good work he did as CEO to rationalize the Company's cost structure make him the right choice to lead our Board," said Mr. Harris. "As CEO Kirk also played a key role in positioning the Company for future success in Public Safety and the emerging wireless deployment of Centralized Radio Access Networks, or CRAN."

In addition to Mr. Harris, the other members of the Company-nominated slate of directors were reelected to the Board at the Annual Meeting. At the same time, the Company announced that Ms. Jeannie H. Diefenderfer, a director since September 2015, completed her term as a director which expired at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

"Jeannie made substantial contributions to Westell during her time as a director," Mr. Harris added. "We thank her for her expertise, commitment, and insight."

As a result of these changes, the size of the Westell Board of Directors increased from six members to seven members.

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providers and network operators to improve performance and reduce operating expenses. With millions of products successfully deployed worldwide, Westell is a trusted partner for transforming networks into high-quality, reliable systems. For more information, please visit [westell.com](http://westell.com).

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