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SMTC Appoints Phil Wehrli Senior Vice President Global Planning and Supply Chain

TORONTO, April 30, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- SMTC Corporation (Nasdaq:SMTX) ("SMTC"), a recognized global electronics manufacturing services provider, announced the appointment of Phil Wehrli, as Senior Vice President of Global Planning and Supply Chain for the company.

Wehrli brings to SMTC Corporation a strong background in the EMS supply chain function with over 35-years of experience with large global supply chain organizations. In his most recent assignment, Wehrli served as the Senior Vice President of Supply Chain Services from 2011-2017 for Avnet's Electronics Marketing Americas group where he managed multi-billion dollars of assets. From 2003-2011, Phil held Director and VP roles in Material Operations and Procurement Services for Avnet's Technology Solutions and Corporate Shared Services Groups. Prior to Avent, he held various commodity management and materials operations positions at Motorola, Apple, Atmel, Prisma Supercomputers, Honeywell, and Colorado Manufacturing Technology, a division of Sanmina. Wehrli earned a B.A. in Business Administration from Fort Lewis College and is a member of the Institute of Supply Management.

"Phil is a seasoned Supply Chain Executive who comes to SMTC with a diverse set of resources, experiences and relationships that we believe will contribute greatly to our growth plans," Ed Smith, President and CEO of SMTC commented. "Phil will be a key player working with our supply chain partners to assure customer on-time delivery, and other sourcing efficiencies, particularly at this point in time when resource management is a major industry priority," Smith added.

Wehrli commented, "I couldn't be more excited to join Ed and Rich to support the current and future growth at SMTC. It's an exciting time with lots of opportunity to build on the great foundation and be part of a winning team."

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 manufacturing facilities span a broad footprint in the United States, China and Mexico. 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, networking and computing, power and energy and medical market segments. SMTC is a public company incorporated in Delaware with its shares traded on the Nasdaq National Market System under the symbol SMTX. For further information on SMTC Corporation, please visit our website at www.smtc.com (<http://www.smtc.com/>).

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