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SBE Inc. hires new COO to lead the company's operations

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SBE Inc. (dba SB Electronics), announces that it recently appointed Mr. Paul K. Nelson as Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Paul Nelson will report directly to Ed Sawyer, President & CEO of SBE Inc. He will be responsible for all day-to-day operations activities of the company.

Before joining SBE Inc., Mr. Paul Nelson was employed by Hamilton Sundstrand as an Internal Operations Consultant responsible for the training and deployment of Lean Six Sigma in both manufacturing and business transactions processes throughout the corporation. Prior to Hamilton Sundstrand, Paul has held broad technical and management positions in Operations, Supply Chain Management, and Business Development for several multi-national companies in the field of Electronic/ Electro-Mechanical Contract Manufacturing, serving customers in Military/Aerospace, Automotive, and Medical Devices. He also has extensive international experience.

Mr. Nelson was an Executive Supply Chain Director for Gerber Scientific, a capital equipment manufacturer, and General Manager for both Sanmina-SCI Tech Center East and Parlex Corporation's Military Flex Circuit Division, serving customers such as Philips Medical, Medtronic, MA/Com, Harris Communication, Raytheon, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, and L3 Communications.

Mr. Nelson earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University in 1983 and a MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1992. He also received a Black Belt in Lean Six Sigma in 2008.

"SBE Inc. is a very innovative company and offers its customers a highly engineered solution. I am very excited and looking forward to leading the operations and supporting the next phases of growth and product innovation." Paul said.

Ed Sawyer commented on Paul's appointment: "We are excited to have an executive of Paul's caliber lead the Company's Operations. His expertise will be invaluable as we add resources and people to continue to grow our current business while we start building one of the world's premier capacitor manufacturing plants in the US, for the manufacturing of Power Ring Film Capacitors™ for Electric Drive Vehicles."

SBE Inc. is a leading developer and manufacturer of film capacitor solutions that provide a much higher degree of reliability, higher power density, and simpler cooling infrastructure, in demanding applications, particularly for automotive/transportation, alternative energy, utilities, power supplies/laser and military/aerospace. Originally a Sprague Electric Plant, SBE has been manufacturing capacitors for over 50 years producing over a billion capacitors, including the renowned Orange Drop®. With the newer development of its DC Link Filter Power Ring Film Capacitor™, SBE Inc. was recently awarded a \$9.1 million grant by the Department of Energy to build a world-class facility for the manufacturing of this line of capacitors used in Drivetrain Inverters for Electric Drive Vehicles. The plant capacity will provide supply for over 100,000 electric drive vehicles within 3 years. The Company's headquarters, engineering and product development center, and manufacturing operation are located in Barre, Vermont. For more information on the company's products, technologies and markets, visit its website www.sbelectronics.com.