



## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

The Directors of Structural Monitoring Systems have appointed Mark Vellacott to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Vellacott will succeed Robin Dean as Chief Executive Officer after a period of handover of responsibilities. Mr Dean, a significant shareholder in the Company, had sought to step aside from the position of full time CEO but will remain on the board as a Non Executive Director.

Mr Vellacott comes to the Company with an impressive record in the aerospace industry with BAE Systems where he was Head of Engineering Technology, Corporate Development, based in Adelaide from 1998 to 2001. More recently Mark was Technical Director, Asia Pacific Space Centre, based in Sydney.

He has also served as President and Chairman of the Board of the Electronic Industry Association (South Australia) from 1999 to 2001 contributing to the development of the association and the creation and launch of the South Australian Electronics Industry Strategic Plan in partnership with the SA State Government.

Prior to migrating to South Australia in 1998 Mr Vellacott worked for British Aerospace PLC Head Office Engineering in the UK on strategic investment and planning issues from 1996. Mark originally joined British Aerospace Military Aircraft in 1980, and completed a B.Sc in Aeronautical Engineering in 1986; an M.Sc in Systems Engineering in 1988 and his MBA in 1998. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 2000.

Mr Vellacott is no stranger to SMS' involvement in the aviation industry. In September 1998, when Mr Vellacott was with BAE Australia as Head of Engineering & Technology, Paul Kristensen, the then CEO of SMS, had approached BAE for funding. Even then, Mark was impressed by the technology and arranged for BAE to provide funding for the evaluation of the SMS technology, leading to the first commercial contract with BAE to test Airbus landing gear structure in 2000.

He brings a depth of experience in management, dealing with the largest Companies in the aerospace industry as well as with Governments around the world.

The Board pays tribute to the contribution Mr Dean has made to growth of the Company and the successful development and international acceptance of the Company's CVM™ sensor technology. We look forward to his ongoing contribution.

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