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Steve Novakovich Joins Garrett Metal Detectors as CEO

Garland, Texas (January 19, 2018) — Garrett Metal Detectors, a worldwide leading manufacturer of security, sport, and countermeasure metal detection products, has announced that Steve Novakovich has joined the company as their new Chief Executive Officer.

"We felt that it was the right time to add to Garrett's management team," said Eleanor Garrett, the current President of Garrett Metal Detectors. In 1964, Mrs. Garrett co-founded the company from her Garland, Texas home with her late husband, Charles Garrett, who was considered to be one of the pioneers of hobby metal detecting.

"Steve Novakovich brings more than 30 years of experience to us from all facets of the business world," Mrs. Garrett added. "Adding Steve to our existing core management team, I feel secure that the company Charles and I founded 54 years ago will remain strong for its next 54 years."

Novakovich comes to Garrett from his former role as President and CEO of Graco Supply Company, an aerospace chemical distributor. He has also worked in the oil and gas industry as an engineer, and in various management roles with companies that include Exxon Company USA, Texas Instruments, and Texas Air Composites. Novakovich has two Masters degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Economics from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

"Steve Novakovich brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Garrett team in sales, distribution, accounting, manufacturing, and engineering departments," said Vaughan Garrett, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales. Bob Podhrasky, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Garrett, added, "We look forward to working with Steve to continue the level of customer service and product performance that has made this company so successful."

Garrett Electronics Inc. (dba Garrett Metal Detectors) is a worldwide leader in the metal detection industry. Its comprehensive line of products addresses the needs of the Security, Military and Consumer markets. Garrett maintains its product design, manufacturing, marketing, and service groups at its Garland, Texas facility. Worldwide sales are supported through a comprehensive network of warehouses and distributors. Most recently, Garrett metal detectors are being deployed to help protect numerous professional, collegiate, and international sporting venues, and have been selected for use in major international sporting venues that include the Olympic Games, the Pan Am Games, and FIFA World Cup soccer.

Garrett Metal Detectors, founded in 1964 and headquartered in Garland, Texas, has proudly manufactured its complete line of metal detection products for more than five decades in the United States. For a complete listing of Garrett Metal Detectors' products and services, visit www.garrett.com.

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