

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ESCATEC Promotes Lambert Schutters to CPO to Redefine Procurement Strategy**

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Integrated electronics manufacturing services (EMS) provider, ESCATEC, has promoted Lambert Schutters to the newly created role of Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), with the mandate to strengthen partnerships with suppliers and deliver better value to stakeholders.

Currently General Manager (GM) of ESCATEC's business units located within the major electronics cluster of Bayan Lepas, Penang, Malaysia, Schutters will start his new role with immediate effect. Hailing from the Netherlands, Schutters remains based at ESCATEC's corporate headquarters and will work closely with the rest of the C-Team and report directly to the CEO.

"We are delighted to promote Lambert to the role of CPO. His experience has been instrumental in helping the organisation navigate the Covid-19 component shortages. In his new role as CPO, Lambert will be at the forefront of addressing the intricate challenges and tapping into opportunities within our procurement strategies and supply chain processes. We believe his extensive experience and proven track record are perfectly suited to lift the performance of our procurement activities to a new level, effectively navigate our increasingly complex supply chain management and assist ESCATEC in improving customer service and competitiveness," said Joe Lahra, Chairman of ESCATEC.

"I am happy to make this significant next step in my career journey. Beginning as a buyer in the Netherlands and progressing through diverse procurement and supply chain management roles worldwide, I was privileged to advance to a General Manager role in the electronics industry. Since 2018, I've served as General Manager of ESCATEC's facilities in Penang", noted Schutters.

"I am excited to take on the pivotal role of Chief Procurement Officer. This new chapter enables me to reorient toward my original career path while actively contributing to ESCATEC's ongoing growth and success. I am enthusiastic about leading our procurement team, shaping our future strategy, and ensuring our continued excellence in delivering high-quality products and services to our esteemed customers." he said.

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Schutters will be handing over the role of GM in Penang to Chua “JJ” Jin Jeong. JJ has been instrumental in managing the growth of ESCATEC’s medical business for the last 15 years as Business Unit Manager of ESCATEC Medical Sdn Bhd (“EDM”).

ESCATEC has been in rapid expansion mode over the past two years with the Group making major investments to acquire the latest technologies and capabilities, as well as significantly expanding its international production and design footprint via acquisition and partnerships.

Established in 1984, ESCATEC offers a fully integrated and complete range of electronics and box build manufacturing services, from D&D, prototyping, product certification, to cost-effective mass volume production and after-sales services. The Group’s current portfolio comprises advanced microelectronics and D&D capabilities in Switzerland and a network of modern production facilities in Malaysia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, and the Czech Republic. ESCATEC also has a long-standing partnership with Wisconsin-based SMT Corp that provides a base in the North American market.

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