

Photo Stencil Names New President and CEO

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Effective immediately, Photo Stencil has named Keith Favre as president and CEO. Favre will assume full stewardship for the company, which was recently acquired by Kachi Partners.

Favre, an SMT industry veteran, most recently served as vice president of marketing and business development with Speedline Technologies. At Speedline, he was part of the core management team that spearheaded a successful leveraged buyout and eventual sale to the current owner, Illinois Tool Works. He played an integral role in the company's turnaround, while leading the worldwide marketing team in expanding both product and geographical markets. During his 12 years with the company, he also held positions in product and sales management.

Prior to Speedline, Favre obtained a strong technical background serving as a manufacturing engineer with Fujitsu Network Transmission Systems. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

"Photo Stencil has a very strong infrastructure in personnel, product technology and markets," says Favre. "This is an exciting opportunity, and I am looking forward to working with the management team and our customers to build on this foundation."

Larry Heitz, former Photo Stencil CEO, will remain on the company's board of directors, and Bill Moerbe will continue as chief operating officer (COO) overseeing global operations. Favre will be relocating to the Colorado Springs area in the coming weeks.

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Photo Stencil is a full-service provider of high-performance stencils and tooling for the surface mount technology (SMT) assembly industry. Photo Stencil's technology includes the patented AMTX E-FAB(R) electroformed stencils, the high-performance proprietary NicAlloy(TM) stencil, laser-cut stencils and chem-etch stencils. Step or multi-level stencils are available in all three of the stencil technologies. Stencil design support and customer specific design libraries are provided.

Other SMT tooling includes thick film and metal mask screens. Photo Stencil offers a complete line of squeegee blades, featuring the patented E-Blade(R) electroformed squeegee blade. Solder pallets, SMT process carriers and populated PCB inspection templates are also available.

Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Photo Stencil was founded in 1979 and currently holds many patents and trademarks, such as AMTX E-FAB electroformed stencils. The company has additional manufacturing facilities in Mexico and Malaysia. More information is available at www.photostencil.com. AMTX E-FAB, E-Blade and NicAlloy are trademarks of Photo Stencil.

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