



## Kimball Electronics Announces Three New Executive Appointments

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JASPER, Ind., Aug. 13, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kimball Electronics (Nasdaq: KE) announced today three new executive appointments involving Desiree Castillejos, Chris Thyen, and Kathy Thomson.

Castillejos has been appointed as the new Chief Strategy Officer and Vice President, Corporate Development and Mergers and Acquisitions. She joined Kimball Electronics from Nokia Technology where she most recently held the position of Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Development, in charge of the Nokia IBM Alliance. She has over 15 years of experience working in corporate strategy and development, holding positions of increasing responsibilities with Nokia Technology, Persistent Systems, and Alcatel Lucent. She earned her technical degrees from the University of Technology Compiegne in France and her MBA from The Wharton School. She started today, August 13, 2018.

Thyen has been appointed Vice President, New Platforms. Once the pending acquisition of Global Equipment Services (GES) is completed, the GES business will report to him. Thyen has had a long and successful career with Kimball Electronics and Kimball International, the former parent company of Kimball Electronics until 2014. He has held positions of increasing responsibilities in operations and business development. Most recently, he was Vice President, Global Business Development and Design Services, for Kimball Electronics. "Chris' leadership has been instrumental during our successful climb to exceed our goal of \$1 billion in annual sales," stated Don Charron, Chairman and CEO of Kimball Electronics. "I look forward to working with Chris and Desiree as we take further steps in the execution of our new platform strategy."

Thomson has been appointed as the new Vice President, Global Business Development and Design Services, succeeding Thyen. She joined Kimball Electronics from Creation Technologies where she most recently held the position of Vice President, Business Development. Kathy has over 15 years of Electronics Manufacturing Services (EMS) experience and has held positions of increasing responsibilities with Creation Technologies and Plexus Corporation. She earned both her undergraduate degree and her MBA from Lakeland University. Kathy will start on August 20, 2018.

"Kathy, Chris, and I will be working together closely to ensure a seamless transition while keeping a steady focus on achieving our goal of 8% organic growth," stated Charron. "We are really excited to have Desiree and Kathy join our executive team. Adding their talents and experiences will make us an even stronger team as we look beyond \$1 billion in annual sales to the future growth of our company."

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