Christopher McElroy retires from Proto-Vest Inc.

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Proto-Vest Inc. announces Christopher (Woody) McElroy will be retiring October 1, 2019. Woody started working at Proto-Vest Inc. part-time at the age of 12, and during his 36 years he contributed to company's success in all facets of the business as Plant Manager, President, and CEO. Woody personally holds nine patents on systems including aircraft deicing, bag design, the IP Stripper, and the AirGate®. "Woody's 'Institutional Knowledge' will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best on his next adventure in life," said Jeff Reichard.

Jeff Reichard was appointed President effective July of this year and will continue to be the senior executive of the company with full Profit and Loss responsibility. Jeff is a proven leader and these past few months provided a new business vision, enhanced customer approach all the while implementing a new strategic plan. Proto-Vest Inc.'s drying technology and experience at car washes and other manufacturing industries is exactly what Proto-Vest Inc. needs as the company enters its next chapter.

Jeff previously held the CEO/President positions, both domestic and internationally, for multiple business sectors, such as manufacturing, service industries, healthcare transactions, distribution, software development, consumer products, automotive, and aerospace with annual sales between \$15M and \$2.5B.

"Proto-Vest Inc. is one of those rare family-owned businesses to have revolutionized the car wash industry through their drying technology. I am a fixer and a grower of companies that have value. I am very excited, and grateful in the way our employees and customers have embraced our new vision with passion," said Jeff.

Proto-Vest Inc. also announced that Simon "Buddy" Blattner will continue in his role as General Manager of the company focusing on improving drying technology and product direction. "We are very fortunate to have an experienced multifaceted executive in Buddy at Proto-Vest Inc. During these last three months, Buddy has performed beyond my high expectations in contributing, leading, and implementing our vision to drive product direction, innovation, and a new customer friendlier approach at Proto-Vest Inc.," said Jeff.

Founded in 1970, Proto-Vest, Inc. is the worldwide leader in car wash industry drying technology. Particular dryer models utilize electronic control devices, solely developed and patented by Proto-Vest, Inc. These systems offer a superior, fully-automated vehicle drying reducing energy consumption, lowering noise levels, and saving money for the car wash owner/operator.

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