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Katherine Dei Cas, Head of Delivery Systems & Services, Appointed to SEMI North America Advisory Board

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- **Dei Cas will support the association's mission to address critical industry matters such as sustainability, supply chain, DE&I and the talent development.**

Tempe, Arizona, November 18, 2021 – EMD Electronics, the North American Electronics business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, announced today that Katherine Dei Cas has been appointed to the SEMI North America Advisory Board (NAAB). Dei Cas is the head of the company's Delivery Systems & Services business unit within the Electronics business sector of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany.

SEMI is the global industry association representing the electronics design and manufacturing supply chain. The mission of the SEMI NAAB is to strengthen the financial, market, and technology performance of SEMI member companies operating in North America through programs, influence on the device community, and impact on public policy.

Dei Cas joins 13 leaders from semiconductor equipment and materials companies with operations in North America currently serving on the NAAB. The NAAB provides input to the president of SEMI Americas in intellectual property protection, trade policy, environmental health and safety, and workforce development. Dei Cas also serves on the SEMI Foundation Advisory Council, guiding SEMI workforce development programs and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

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“Kate Dei Cas has extensive industry experience and will bring a thoughtful perspective to the NAAB regarding important industry issues,” said Dave Anderson, Americas president at SEMI. “In addition to her role advising the SEMI Foundation, she has been an active participant and sponsor of numerous SEMI events over the past several years, and we are fortunate to have her involvement on our regional advisory board.”

“I am honored to join my peers on the SEMI North America Advisory Board to steer the association’s programs to best address the microelectronics industry’s top challenges and opportunities,” said Dei Cas. “I look forward to helping the SEMI Americas team expand its programs to address critical industry issues such as sustainability concerns, supply chain constraints, DE&I and the talent gap.”

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The company holds the global rights to the name and trademark “Merck” internationally. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the business sectors of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany operate as EMD Serono in healthcare, MilliporeSigma in life science, and EMD Electronics. Since its founding in 1668, scientific exploration and responsible entrepreneurship have been key to the company’s technological and scientific advances. To this day, the founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed company.

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EMD Electronics is the North American electronics business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany. EMD Electronics’ portfolio covers a broad range of products and solutions, including high-tech materials and solutions for the semiconductor industry as well as liquid crystals and OLED materials for displays and effect pigments for coatings and cosmetics. Today, EMD Electronics has approximately 2,000 employees around the country, with its regional hub in Tempe, AZ. For more information, please visit www.emd-electronics.com.

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