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## Naprotek Appoints New SVP of Business Development

**SAN JOSE, CA — July 2021** — Naprotek, LLC, the leading provider of high-reliability, quick-turn prototypes, and low-to-medium volumes PCBAs and box builds, today announced the appointment of Jim Apfel as the Senior Vice President of Business Development.



In this role, Jim will direct Naprotek's go-to-market organization with key responsibilities in sales leadership, key market direction and portfolio strategy. "Jim joins our senior leadership team at the ideal time," said Daniel Everitt, CEO and President of Naprotek. "Jim brings valuable experience in high-reliability, mission-critical and life-sustaining markets across both EMS and OEM companies. He has built business development teams to accelerate revenues across a complex blend of engineered products, precision microelectronic assemblies and electronic manufacturing services."

Jim offers over thirty years of experience in sales and business development in the electronics industry. He has an excellent reputation for successfully working with customers to solve challenging designs and driving new products into manufacturing. The timing and fit of Jim into the Naprotek team brings a complete solution to compete in the rapidly growing demand for high-quality, robust services across electronics prototypes, DFX, Test, NPI, SCM and production.

Previously, Jim led technical sales, strategic marketing, and corporate rebranding of private equity-backed Spartronics, LLC. He also managed engineering sales at Benchmark Electronics, semiconductor component sales for Realtek & SwitchCore and modems for Diamond Multimedia. He founded a Silicon Valley-based ASIC startup, raised venture capital and completed several successful exits. Jim started his career at Rockwell including both semiconductor and satellite systems experience. He holds engineering degrees in Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering, as well as an MBA.

Naprotek is certified to AS9100D, ISO 13485:2016, ISO 9001:2015, IPC-A-610, IPC-J-STD-001, IPC-7711/7721 and ITAR registered. The company sets the standard for high-quality prototypes and Made-in-America production. Naprotek specializes in mission critical products, and its processes and systems are focused on delivering award-winning quality. For more information, visit [www.naprotek.com](http://www.naprotek.com).

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**About Naprotek, LLC**

Founded in 1995 by entrepreneur Najat El-Ayi Badriyeh, Naprotek has provided electronic manufacturing services to startups and OEMs in Silicon Valley and throughout the US. Naprotek evolved from a consigned-assembly business to a full-suite service provider for printed circuit assemblies and box-build. Naprotek's track record continues to benchmark quality, service, and cost-effective solutions for its customers. The company has a strong footprint in the military and aerospace markets and has its AS 9100 certification, as well as the medical market with its ISO 13485 Certification. For more information about Naprotek, visit [www.naprotek.com](http://www.naprotek.com).

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