



## Debora A. Plunkett elected to Board of Directors of Mercury Systems; William K. O'Brien appointed Chairman of the Board with retirement of Vincent Vitto

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ANDOVER, Mass., Oct. 27, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Mercury Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: MRCY, [www.mrcy.com](http://www.mrcy.com)), a leader in trusted, secure mission-critical technologies for aerospace and defense, today announced that Debora A. Plunkett, former director of information assurance at the National Security Agency, was elected to its Board of Directors at the annual meeting of shareholders.

"We are very pleased to announce that Debora has joined our Board of Directors, where her extensive experience in cyber and national security, as well as information assurance, will be an excellent addition especially as we continue Mercury's digital transformation," said Mark Aslett, president and chief executive officer of Mercury Systems. "We look forward to benefitting from her insights and expertise as we continue to deliver on our purpose of Innovation That Matters. By and For People Who Matter."

Mercury also announced that Vincent Vitto, Chairman of the Board, retired from the Board effective with the annual meeting on October 27, 2021, and current director, William K. O'Brien has been appointed as new Chairman. Mr. Vitto, the former President and CEO of the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory and former Vice Chairman of the Defense Science Board, joined the Mercury Board in 2006. He was elected Chairman of the Board in 2010 and has chaired the Nominating and Governance Committee. Mr. O'Brien, former Chairman of Enterasys Networks, has served on the Mercury Board of Directors since 2008, including as Chairman of the Audit Committee. He has thirty-three years of experience in auditing and professional services at PricewaterhouseCoopers including serving as global managing partner of PwC.

"Vince's contributions to Mercury have been significant and meaningful," continued Aslett. "His extensive knowledge of the aerospace and defense industry and his passion for innovation have helped guide our growing business. We valued Vince's deep technology expertise, leadership and insights in shaping and building Mercury to the \$1 billion company we are today. We'll miss his counsel and unwavering support of our mission. I look forward to working with Bill in his new role as Chairman."

With the election of Ms. Plunkett and the retirement of Mr. Vitto, the Board will consist of nine members, eight of which are independent directors.

"I'm thrilled to join Mercury's Board at such an exciting time," said Ms. Plunkett. "I'm eager to get to work with my fellow Board members and the executive team to help fulfill Mercury's vision of making trusted secure mission critical technologies profoundly more accessible to aerospace and defense."

A former Director of Information Assurance at the National Security Agency, Ms. Plunkett has more than 30 years of experience in cybersecurity and is currently Principal of Plunkett Associates LLC, a consulting business. She is a Senior Fellow at Harvard's Belfer Center and an Adjunct Professor of Cybersecurity at the University of Maryland. Ms. Plunkett served on the National Security Council at the White House in the Administrations of Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush where she developed national cybersecurity policies and programs.

Ms. Plunkett serves on the boards of CACI International, Nationwide Insurance and BlueVoyant. She is also a founding member and Chairman of the Board of Defending Digital Campaigns, a non-profit entity focused on providing free or low-cost cybersecurity services to federal election campaigns.

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### Mercury Systems – Innovation That Matters®

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