Joseph Petrone Appointed Vice President, Human Resources For Lockheed Martin Electronic Systems Business Area

Joseph Petrone has been named vice president of human resources for Lockheed Martin Corp.'sElectronic Systems Business Area. He succeeds Kenneth J. Disken, who previously was named senior vice president of human resources for the Corporation.

Petrone joins Lockheed Martin from the General Electric Co., where he most recently was vice president of human resources for GE U.S. Equipment Financing. Earlier, he held progressively more responsible human resources assignments in GE's appliances, consumer products, industrial systems, international services and plastics businesses, including assignments in India, Mexico and Spain. Petrone recently completed a two-year assignment with GE Capital International Services, where he was the global human resources leader for a business process outsourcing enterprise with operations in India, China, Hungary, Mexico and the United States.

Petrone earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and completed courses toward a master of business administration degree at the Florida Institute of Technology and Mankato State University in Minnesota.

"Joe Petrone is superbly qualified to support Electronic Systems in recruiting, developing and retaining the talent essential to achievement of our business objectives, including sales growth in international markets," said Robert B. Coutts, executive vice president of the business area. "He also is well equipped to lead the business area in continuing our progress toward building a diverse and dynamic workforce for the 21st Century."

Electronic Systems, with 2004 sales of $9.7 billion, provides integrated hardware and software solutions to ensure the mission readiness of armed forces and government agencies worldwide. The business area employs approximately 30,000 at 17 major locations in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 130,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture and integration of advanced technology systems, products and services.

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