

Press Release of The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)

FORCAM's Thomas Luck named to Board of Directors of The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)

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Washington, D.C., March 2021 – <u>The National Association of Manufacturers</u> announced that Thomas Luck, Managing Director FORCAM Inc. USA, has been named to the NAM Board of Directors. Luck will join the NAM Board to bolster the association's leadership in policy advocacy, workforce solutions, legal action, operational excellence and news and insights. He will help the industry advance an agenda that promotes growth and prosperity for all Americans.

Founded in 1895, the NAM, guided by its Board of Directors, is the largest industrial trade association in the United States with more than 14,000 members and is the nation's most influential advocate for manufacturing. The NAM's membership includes some of the world's most iconic brands and many of the small manufacturers that power the U.S. economy. Nearly 90% of the NAM's members are small and medium-sized businesses.

The organization has become a "one-stop shop" for manufacturers, telling the stories of manufacturers and equipping manufacturers with invaluable resources through our news and insights channels and partnerships with the Manufacturing Leadership Council and Manufacturing Institute.

"I am honored to be a part of the NAM Board", said Thomas Luck, Managing Director FORCAM Inc. USA. "Manufacturers today are facing unprecedented challenges to be more flexible, adaptable and responsive. I look forward to sharing FORCAM's experience with customers around the world in using technology to achieve these goals."

"Thomas Luck is a recognized leader in our industry, and the NAM will be stronger thanks to his service on our Board of Directors," said NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons. "The NAM's mission is to ensure we always keep moving forward, and Thomas will bring invaluable insights as we advocate for the men and women of our industry and advance the values that have made America exceptional and our industry strong—free enterprise, competitiveness, individual liberty and equal opportunity."

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The National Association of Manufacturers is the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. Manufacturing employs more than 12.2 million men and women, contributes \$2.32 trillion to the U.S. economy annually and has the largest economic multiplier of any major sector and accounts for 63% of private-sector research and development. The NAM is the powerful voice of the manufacturing community and the leading advocate for a policy agenda that helps manufacturers compete in the global economy and create jobs across the United States.

About FORCAM - www.forcam.com

In the era of the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), companies need an integrative IT architecture for manufacturing to significantly increase efficiency in production and planning. Based on the FORCAM FORCE™ IIoT solution family, FORCAM offers modular products for data-driven manufacturing. The solutions enable comprehensive transparency through connectivity and a digital twin of production as well as higher efficiency through edge and cloud computing and collaboration with IT systems. The basis is an open IIoT platform technology, which is rated as a leader by analysts and was awarded the Innovation Prize 2020 of the state of Baden-Württemberg. FORCAM technology is used by both large and medium-sized companies - including BorgWarner, Dynomax Aerospace, Howmet Aerospace, Kostal, Krones, Lockheed Martin, Richards Industrials, and Schaeffler. More than 100,000 machines worldwide are monitored with FORCAM technology. FORCAM is headquartered in Ravensburg, Germany, with offices in USA (Cincinnati), England (Rugby) and China (Shanghai).