



Press release

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**International security experts boost Secured Communications growing team in UK as information security has “never been more critical”**



With Covid-19 creating a fundamental shift in how we work, global cyber-security company Secured Communications has recruited two of the country’s former top police officers to bolster its UK team citing that “information privacy and security has never been more critical.”

Steph Roberts QPM has been appointed Secured Communications Head of UK Business Development. Steph retired after 30 years in the Metropolitan Police Service as

Commander of Covert Policing and Intelligence, with strategic lead for communications and digital data and lawful intercept.

She has extensive experience in global counter terrorism operations and security and was responsible for the development of the international liaison network, which involved working closely with international partners to develop and enhance capability and capacity in the field of intelligence and investigation.

Steph, who has recently held senior positions supporting the development of innovative and creative technical and crisis management capabilities within government, said: “The continued threat of data breaches and system hacking will mean corporate and public enterprises need to mitigate these risks through stronger encryption and robust communications platforms. The comprehensive suite of solutions available in the Mercury Enterprise suite provided by Secured Communications will increase confidence and productivity by reassuring businesses that their data and communications are safe.”

Dave Martin also joins Secured Communications as Head of UK Business Strategy. Dave is also a former Metropolitan Police Commander and held the UK national portfolio for command and control leading development of capabilities to mitigate the most serious security risks.

Over the past six years, Dave has provided international consultancy and training programmes for both corporate clients and government agencies. These have included large scale capacity building programmes in the Middle East and Africa, working with partners to help build and sustain capability in a range of skills across the law enforcement and security sectors.

Dave said: “These are challenging times and we have seen that the pandemic has caused a fundamental shift in how we work, how we behave and in our patterns of digital communications and it is likely these changes will endure. We can see that information security and privacy have never been more critical.”

Mercury is an enterprise software suite developed by Secured Communications that allows users to communicate safely and securely. Users can host private and secure videoconference meetings, send messages, make calls and share files via a web browser or mobile device without the risk of disruptions or leaks of sensitive information in confidence, with confidence. Building on the success in the US, the



introduction of Mercury into UK and European markets earlier this year has helped businesses to increase productivity and minimise the risk of losses through information hacking, reputational damage and data breach.

Mercury's ultra-secure, AES-256 encrypted video and audio-conferencing product for businesses is based on technology trusted by many corporations, law enforcement agencies and counter terrorism professionals around the world.

Unlike many other popular tech platforms, Mercury is only available to trusted professionals and companies who meet the requirements of the company's strict vetting process. It is not available for members of the general public to download.

Former UK police chief and head of counter terrorism, John Parkinson OBE, is President of the company and has led many aspects of the security features available in the product.

He said: "As we move into a different way of working the corporate world quite rightly demands confidence that the technology it relies on is safe and secure. We are delighted to welcome Steph and Dave to the team. They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and expertise and will be an asset to Secured Communications as we continue to develop and expand into new markets across the UK and Europe."

Headquartered in San Francisco, California, Secured Communications operates globally and has bases in the UK, Canada and Australia.

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Secured Communications is the global leader in safeguarding communications. Developed in partnership with former senior FBI and global law enforcement leaders, the company's suite of products protects information with the most advanced and intuitive encrypted solutions. Its platform is trusted by counterterrorism professionals, public safety agencies and vetted corporations worldwide.

Mercury, powered by Secured Communications, allows users to host secured video conferences, make secure calls, send messages, and share files seamlessly, all within a single application interface in confidence with confidence.

Secured Communications views its clients as partners and offers first class concierge support in addition to providing customisation services and integrations to help them manage their most sensitive communications and stay in control of vital information.

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