

## EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Javi Richmond Appointed as New Gescan President

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Sonepar Canada is pleased to announce that **Javi Richmond** will be appointed as the new **President of Gescan as of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Javi will officially take over the position on February 15<sup>th</sup> and will be based out of the Gescan Calgary head office.

Javi has a long history within the electrical industry and has previously worked for Weidmüller Ltd. Canada as their Managing Director for two years. Prior to working for Weidmüller Ltd. Canada, Javi worked for EB Horseman for 12 years where he served as their VP of Sales and Operations for the last 7 years.

In addition, it is with great appreciation that Sonepar Canada announces **the retirement of Jeff Derkuch in July 2021**. Jeff has successfully run Gescan for over 19 years and has contributed to the growth of the company in many aspects making Gescan a great organization within the electrical industry.

As of February 15<sup>th</sup>, Jeff will hand the role of Gescan President to Javi and together they will facilitate a transitional period until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the transitional period concludes, Jeff will conduct projects for Sonepar Canada until he retires.

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