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Jim Padilla appointed to Board of Directors

Azure Dynamics announces the appointment of Jim Padilla to its Board of Directors

TORONTO, May 14 /CNW/ - Azure Dynamics Corporation (TSX: AZD & LSE: ADC) ('Azure' or the 'Company') a leading developer of hybrid electric and electric powertrains for commercial vehicles, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. James J. Padilla, former President and Chief Operating Officer of Ford Motor Company ('Ford'), to its Board of Directors, subject to normal regulatory approvals and procedures.

'Jim's 40 years of experience in the automotive industry and his business acumen will be an invaluable resource to Azure Dynamics,' said D. Campbell Deacon, Chairman of Azure Dynamics. 'Not only does he understand the workings and culture of Ford, one of our most important strategic partners, but he also has extensive experience as a director of automotive engineering and manufacturing. We look forward to benefiting from Jim's strategic input and guidance as we advance the commercialization of core products.'

'I'm very pleased to be joining the Azure Dynamics team. The compound demands for fuel efficiency and environmental improvements require innovative solutions for transportation. Azure Dynamics has demonstrated creative solutions that provide for better fuel economy and a cleaner environment,' said Mr. Padilla. 'Applications of these technologies will grow dramatically in the near future and Azure Dynamics is at the leading edge of these innovations.'

Mr. Padilla's distinguished career in the automotive industry started in 1966 when he joined Ford as a quality control engineer. He retired as President and COO of Ford in July 2006. Prior thereto, Mr. Padilla served in a number of progressive senior management roles, including: Group Vice President, Global Manufacturing and Quality; Chief Operating Officer and Chairman of Ford's Automotive Operations; Group Vice President, Ford North America; and Ford's Executive Vice President and President of The Americas, where he was responsible for all operations in the development, manufacturing, marketing and sales of Ford, Mercury and Lincoln vehicles in the United States, Canada, Mexico and South America.

Mr. Padilla holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in Chemical Engineering and a Masters degree in Economics from the University of Detroit - Mercy. He was appointed a White House Fellow serving as a special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce in 1978 and 1979. In 2001, he was named a Fellow by the National Academy of Engineering. Mr. Padilla is a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Manufacturing Council. He was a former Chair of the Corporate Board of Advisors of the National Council of La Raza.

About Azure Dynamics

Azure Dynamics Corporation (TSX: AZD) (LSE: ADC) is a world leader in the development and production of hybrid electric and electric components and powertrain systems for commercial vehicles. Azure is strategically targeting the commercial delivery vehicle and shuttle bus markets and is currently working internationally with various partners and customers. The Company is committed to providing customers and partners with innovative, cost-efficient, and environmentally-friendly energy management solutions. For more information please visit www.azuredynamics.com.

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