# Ashwani Datta joins Mistral as Strategic Advisor

**Bangalore, Thursday, November 05, 2015:** The Board of Directors of Mistral Solutions today announced the appointment of Ashwani Datta, Ex-Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), as Board Member and Strategic Adviser to the firm, effective immediately.

As the CMD of BEL, Mr. Ashwani Datta achieved new milestones in terms of growth in order book and profitability with enhanced thrust on focus areas such as new product development, offset business, diversification and contract manufacturing.

"With over four decades of experience in our industry, I believe Mr. Datta will add a valuable perspective to our strategic future plans," said **Anees Ahmed, Chairman and Managing Director, Mistral Solutions**. "We appreciate his willingness to serve as a member of the board and look forward to benefiting from his guidance and counsel."

**Mujahid Alam, CEO and Director, Mistral Solutions** stated; "We welcome Mr. Ashwani Datta on board and we are sure his vast experience and insight will help guide Mistral's strategy and vision in the domestic and international Defense Electronics Business. We look forward to his valuable contribution to the organization."

Mr. Ashwani Datta joined Bharat Electronics after graduating in Mechanical Engineering from The Delhi College of Engineering in 1972. He has seen the company grow from a single Unit to multiple Strategic Business Units. He has extensive experience in Development & Engineering, Production, Quality Assurance and installation / commissioning of complex Radar & Communication Systems. He rose to the post of a Director in 2006 and was elevated as CMD in 2009. He has the unique distinction of having headed 8 of the 9 Units of BEL during his career.

After a memorable 39 year stint at BEL, Mr. Datta also held the distinguished and honorable position of Member, Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) for the Govt. of India.

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