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Mike brings over 25 years of technology and product development, qualification and commercialization in the defense, aerospace and commercial markets. He was previously Executive Vice President, Engineering and Operations for Ocean Power Technologies where he led the development, validation, commercialization and production of innovative ocean based electric power generation systems for the oil & gas, defence and communications markets. He also held positions with increasing responsibilities at BAE Systems where he was Director of Programmes, Technology and Products. At BAE Systems, Mike started as a Chief Engineer for Power Systems defence and commercial markets, and subsequently earned his full Global Engineering Fellowship and progressed to a business executive and leadership role. He also held a variety of other leadership positions in large organisations such as DRS Technologies where he was the Technical Director and Chief Engineer for the US Navy's future combatant ship program where he led the development, testing and qualification of naval combat ship electric propulsion systems. He also led the development of advanced land and airborne directed energy systems at Kaman Aerospace, among others. Mike combines a breadth of demonstrated business acumen, program management, market development, new product introduction strategies and a strong technical and technology expertise background. He holds a Masters and PhD in Electrical Engineering.