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Alpha Opens Wireless Design Center Outside Chicago; Company Taps Region's RF Engineering Talent for Next Generation Handset Applications

WOBURN, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 28, 2001--Alpha (Nasdaq: AHAA) today announced the opening of a design center in the Chicago suburb of Mundelein, Illinois. The center will focus on development of Wide Band Code Division Multiple Access (W-CDMA) and other linear power amplifier modules for next generation wireless applications.

"The Chicago area is an ideal location and enjoys a rich pool of RF design and engineering talent," said Colin Sweeney, general manager of Alpha's Power Amplifier Business Unit. "This new R&D center puts us in close geographic proximity to our largest customer, underscoring our strategy of increasing penetration of key accounts and enhancing our design support to customers throughout the world.

"The modules that will be developed at our Chicago design center will leverage Alpha's process technology breadth, particularly InGaP, and the product breadth represented by our Alpha Integration Platform," Sweeney said. "We have recruited a talented group of design engineers for this location, and expect that modules developed there will begin to generate revenue next year."

About Alpha

Alpha is a leading provider of RF integrated circuit-based solutions, including semiconductors and ceramic components, for the broadband and wireless communications markets. Alpha's switches, power amplifiers and discrete semiconductors are used by the world's leading broadband, infrastructure and wireless communications companies to enhance the speed, quality and performance of voice, data and video. The Company's Alpha Integration Platform™ (aiIP™) is a breakthrough manufacturing, packaging and design technique that reduces design complexity and improves the OEM's overall time to market for new products. For more information, please visit Alpha's Web site, www.alphaind.com.

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