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## **George S. Kariotis Elected Chairman Emeritus of Alpha Industries**

WOBURN, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 2, 2000--Alpha Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ: AHAA) today announced that the Company's founder and long-time Chairman of the Board, George S. Kariotis, has been elected Chairman Emeritus by Alpha's Board of Directors.

Mr. Kariotis was a principal founder of Alpha in 1962. He has served as the Chairman of Alpha's Board since then and as the Company's Chief Executive Officer until 1991. Under his direction, Alpha laid the foundations of its current dynamic businesses, providing radio frequency integrated circuits, RF semiconductors and other RF devices to the fast-growing markets for wireless telephone handsets and other wireless markets. Mr. Kariotis was an early champion of gallium arsenide (GaAs) technology at Alpha.

Tom Leonard, Alpha's newly elected Chairman, stated, "George Kariotis was a pioneer in radio frequency technologies in Massachusetts, long before anyone could be sure that wireless markets would be as important and dynamic as they have become. His guidance and leadership have helped Alpha to become the success it is today, and we are all pleased that he will continue to be involved with the Company in his new role as Chairman Emeritus."

Mr. Kariotis served as Secretary of Economic Affairs for Massachusetts under Governor King from 1979 until 1983 and, in this position, was the founder of the Mass. Technology Park Corporation and the Bay State Skills Corporation.

He is also Vice-Chairman Emeritus of Northeastern University and a member of the Board of Trustees of Lahey Clinic.

### About Alpha

Alpha Industries designs and manufactures a broad range of products for microwave and radio frequency wireless communications applications. The Wireless Semiconductor segment provides gallium arsenide (GaAs) integrated circuits and other semiconductors to the dynamic global market for wireless telephone handsets. The Ceramic Products segment provides technical ceramic products for wireless telephony infrastructure and other wireless markets. The Application Specific Products (ASP) segment provides a broad range of GaAs and silicon devices to satellite, instrumentation, defense and other communications markets. Alpha has a workforce of over 1,000 employees in Massachusetts, California and Maryland. Additional information is available at Alpha's website - [www.alphaind.com](http://www.alphaind.com).

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