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Alpha Appoints David J. McLachlan to Board of Directors; Addition of Former Genzyme Corp. CFO Expands Alpha's Board to Eight

WOBURN, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 8, 2000--Alpha (NASDAQ:AHAA) which produces gallium arsenide (GaAs) integrated circuits, semiconductors and ceramic components for the wireless and broadband communications markets, today announced that David J. McLachlan has been named to the company's Board of Directors.

Mr. McLachlan, 62, is the former executive vice president and chief financial officer of Cambridge, Mass.-based Genzyme Corp., a post he held from 1989 to 1999. During his tenure, he was instrumental in assisting Genzyme in becoming a global, diversified, fully integrated health care products concern. Mr. McLachlan is currently a consultant to Genzyme's chairman and CEO.

Prior to joining Genzyme, Mr. McLachlan served as vice president, finance of Adams-Russell Company, an electronic component supplier and cable television franchise owner based in Waltham, Mass.

"David's expertise in using innovative financing to generate exceptional growth will be invaluable to Alpha as we continue to expand our share of the broadband and wireless communications markets," said Alpha Chairman Tom Leonard. "His financial and administrative experience also provide tremendous value to our Board."

The addition of Mr. McLachlan expands Alpha's board to eight members, including five outside directors. Mr. McLachlan also serves on the Board of Directors of Aronex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., (NASDAQ:ARNX), a biotechnology company based in The Woodlands, Texas; Dyax, Corp. (NASDAQ:DYAX), a biotechnology company based in Cambridge; and West Palm Beach, Fla.-based Hearx, Ltd., (AMEX:EAR), a hearing care services company.

Mr. McLachlan, a resident of Chelmsford, Mass., earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard College and his MBA from Harvard Business School.

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. For more information, please visit the company's Web site, www.alphaind.com.

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