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Manufacturer Growing in SWMI

New Positions to Accommodate Increased Production Demands

Stevensville, Michigan, June 29, 2021 – Alpha Resources LLC, southwest Michigan's premier manufacturer of ceramics, glass and graphite used in laboratory spectrometers as well as certified creator of laboratory reference materials, is pleased to announce the following recent additions to the company.

Phil O'Connell has re-joined Alpha Resources' production department in a new role. 20 years ago, Phil worked at Alpha as a press operator and in the Shipping/Receiving department. After leaving Alpha Resources, Phil spent several years supporting nuclear facilities and more than 5 years with the Department of Defense as an Operations Manager.

"In this environment, finding talented employees can be challenging," states Ken Mantei, Director of Operations. "As we looked to add a leadership level in our production with a new Assistant Manager role, we knew we needed someone uniquely qualified who exemplified Alpha's values. Phil O'Connell's prior work experience and years of leadership coaching hockey, at every performance level from collegiate to elementary, give him a diverse range of skills that make him uniquely suited to be Alpha's new Assistant Ceramics Manager."

Additional recent hires who upskilled to new roles at Alpha Resources include:

• Tracey Bloodworth, who spent a brief period in Alpha's Shipping Department before transitioning to the front office. Tracey is now the face that greets people entering Alpha as well as provides Customer Service to Alpha's domestic dealers. Tracey's people skills and extensive leadership background make her an immense asset for prioritizing the needs of Alpha's fast-paced front office.

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- Daphelin Trippett joined the Graphite Department as a packer and transporter. "D" quickly showed his enterprising spirit and is now the Assistant to the Graphite Manager. D's can-do attitude is appreciated by the whole department.
- Stacy Yeske transferred from Alpha's Lab Department to Shipping. This role will allow her to use her natural organization skills to ensure Alpha's reputation as the company with most breakage-resistant shipments of certified reference materials is maintained.

"At Alpha we strive to create a positive work atmosphere where talent is recognized. As we grow, we will continue to look for ways to support our staff in their professional growth," notes Mantei.

Additional first shift positions are available at Alpha Resources. Details on open jobs may be found at <u>https://www.alpharesources.com/employment.php</u>

About Alpha Resources

Founded in 1978, Alpha Resources, LLC is a global leader in the manufacture and distribution of consumables and creation of certified reference materials for use in atomic spectroscopy analysis, and is ISO17034, ISO17025, ISO9001:2015 certified.