



*Value Beyond Measure*

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**Strong Outlook for Local Business**

*Creating New Opportunities for Staff*

Stevensville, Michigan, June 22, 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 front office promotions within the company to accommodate recent business expansion.

Ashley Sousa has been promoted from front desk and domestic Customer Service to Exports/International Customer Service. Ashley started in 2016 in Alpha’s lab as a Lab Technician before moving to the front desk. Ashley’s aptitude for the logistical details of shipping and unflappable demeanor were critical to her consideration for this increase in responsibility.

Christine Margherone has transferred from Exports/International Customer Service to the Accounting Department. In this promotion to Purchasing Agent, Christine will be responsible for ensuring all incoming supplies for Alpha’s manufacturing centers are in order and flow smoothly. Christine’s extensive knowledge of Alpha’s internal finance systems as well as her strong background in both accounting and office management were critical in her selection for this role. Christine holds an associate degree in Accounting from the College of DuPage.

“At Alpha, we pride ourselves on evolving new roles for our internal talent whenever possible,” notes Ken Mantej, Director of Operations. “Our recent need for additional staff in Purchasing gave us the opportunity recognize that talent. We are proud of the work done by Ashley and Christine; we look forward to seeing them excel in these new roles.”

**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.