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DEFENSE CONTRACTOR CHARGED WITH STEALING PAYROLL TAXES

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY – August 2, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that an indictment was unsealed today charging Ildiko Pinero, an owner and Vice President of Alpha Machining Products & Development Inc. (“Alpha”), with failing to pay over her rightful share of taxes to the United States. Alpha was a San Diego defense contractor engaged in the machining of weapons parts and other products for the U.S. Department of Defense.

The indictment alleges that for ten quarters, from April 2006 through September 2008, Pinero withheld payroll taxes from the wages Alpha paid its employees. These taxes included over \$100,000 in withholdings for federal income tax, plus the employees’ share of Medicare and Social Security taxes. Despite withholding these sums from its employees’ paychecks, Pinero refused to pay the taxes to the Internal Revenue Service.

This morning, the defendant was arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes in federal court in San Diego, California. The defendant has been released on bond. The indicted case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Dana M. Sabraw. The next scheduled court appearance is September 7, 2012 for a motion hearing.

An indictment is a formal charging document and defendants are presumed innocent until the government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

DEFENDANT **Case Number: 12cr3125DMS**

Ildiko Pinero

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Counts 1 to 10: Willful failure to pay over tax, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7202 - Maximum penalties: 5 years in prison, \$250,000 fine, term of supervised release of three years, restitution, and \$100 special assessment.

INVESTIGATING AGENCY

Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation