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## ALPHA PRO TECH, LTD. JOINS THE RUSSELL MICROCAP INDEX

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**NOGALES, ARIZONA – July 1, 2009, Alpha Pro Tech (NYSE Amex: APT)** a leading manufacturer of products designed to protect people, products and environments, including disposable protective apparel and building products, today announced that it has been added to the Russell Microcap® Index.

Membership in the Russell Microcap Index, which remains in place for one year, means automatic inclusion in the appropriate growth and value style indexes. Russell determines membership for its equity indexes primarily by objective, market-capitalization rankings and style attributes.

Al Millar, President of Alpha Pro Tech commented, “The addition to the Russell Microcap Index increases the credibility and the visibility of Alpha Pro Tech. We are gratified that our hard work to increase shareholder value and execute on the Company’s business plan has resulted in our inclusion in this important index.”

Russell indexes are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors for index funds and as benchmarks for both passive and active investment strategies. An industry-leading \$4 trillion in assets currently are benchmarked to them. Total returns data for the Russell Microcap and other Russell Indexes is available at <http://www.russell.com/Indexes/performance/default.asp>.

Annual reconstitution of Russell indexes captures the 4,000 largest U.S. stocks as of the end of May, ranking them by total market capitalization to create the Russell 3000® Index and Russell Microcap. These investment tools originated from Russell’s multi-manager investment business in the early 1980s when the company saw the need for a more objective, market-driven set of benchmarks in order to evaluate outside investment managers.

#### **About Russell:**

Russell Investments provides strategic advice, world-class implementation, state-of-the-art performance benchmarks and a range of institutional-quality investment products. Russell has \$136 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2009, and serves individual, institutional and advisor clients in more than 40 countries. Founded in 1936, Russell is a subsidiary of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

#### **About Alpha Pro Tech, Ltd.**

Alpha Pro Tech, Inc. develops, manufactures and markets innovative disposable and limited-use protective apparel products for the industrial, clean room, medical and dental markets. In addition, Alpha ProTech Engineered Products, Inc. manufactures and markets a line of construction weatherization products, including building wrap and roof underlayment. The Company has manufacturing facilities in Salt Lake City, Utah; Nogales, Arizona; Janesville, Wisconsin; Valdosta, Georgia; and a joint venture in India. For

more information and copies of all news releases and financials, visit Alpha Pro Tech's Website at <http://www.alphaprotech.com>.

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