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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **AMPHENOL SIGNS WITH FCI AS SECOND SOURCE FOR AIRMAX VS® CONNECTOR SYSTEM**

Wallingford, Connecticut. July 15, 2004. Amphenol Corporation (NYSE-APH) announced today that it has signed a license agreement with FCI for the right to manufacture, market, and sell the 4-pair and 5-pair AirMax VS® (Virtual Shield) connectors worldwide. FCI's AirMax VS connector is a revolutionary high-speed shieldless backplane connector that exhibits excellent signal integrity at speeds from 2.5 Gb/s to greater than 12 Gb/s without requiring a basic platform redesign. The AirMax VS connector provides designers flexibility in backplane signal routing and fabrication through the ability to vary column spacing without impacting electrical performance. The AirMax VS two-piece header-receptacle connector system is currently available in 2mm and 3mm column spacing.

Mark Twaalfhoven, Senior Vice President of Amphenol stated, "As a recognized leader in the connector industry, our customers have been looking for us to broaden our product portfolio into backplane connectors. We believe the AirMax VS connectors have superior electrical characteristics while providing system designers superb flexibility. We recognize FCI to be a leader in connector innovation and are excited to add AirMax VS connectors to our product offering."

Richard Kaleida, Senior Vice President and General Manager of FCI Communications, Data, Consumer Division stated, "FCI has been extremely gratified by the marketplace acceptance of the AirMax VS connector product family. Other connector companies recognized the revolutionary leap in connector performance and have expressed interest in licensing the AirMax VS proprietary technology. We are pleased to announce that Amphenol has agreed to be the certified second source for AirMax VS 4-pair and 5-pair connectors."

For more information about the AirMax VS connector system, email [aphinfo@amphenol.com](mailto:aphinfo@amphenol.com), visit Amphenol on the Web at [www.amphenol.com](http://www.amphenol.com), or contact the following:

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Amphenol Corporation is one of the world's leading producers of electronic and fiber optic connectors, cable and interconnect systems. Amphenol products are engineered and manufactured in the Americas, Europe and Asia and sold by a worldwide sales and marketing organization. The primary end markets for the Company's products are communication systems for the converging technologies of voice, video and data communications, industrial/automotive and military/aerospace applications.