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**AMPHENOL FILES SHELF REGISTRATON STATEMENT**

Wallingford, Connecticut. January 2, 2004. Amphenol Corporation (NYSE-APH) announced today that it has filed a shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission registering approximately 12.3 million shares of its common stock, 11.9 million shares owned by affiliates of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (“KKR”) and .4 million shares owned by management. Such shares registered on behalf of KKR represent all of its current holdings and approximately 25% of total shares outstanding. Martin H. Loeffler, Chairman and CEO, stated: “The shelf registration will facilitate the orderly distribution of KKR’s shares and create significant additional liquidity in the Company’s common stock, which has been long desired by many investors.” At the time shares included in the shelf registration are offered for sale, a prospectus supplement will be provided containing specific information about the terms of any such offering.

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 wired and wireless voice, internet and broadband networks, industrial, automotive, military and aerospace applications.