



NEWS RELEASE

California Amplifier Names Richard K. Vitelle Chief Financial Officer

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Camarillo, CA - July 24, 2001 -- California Amplifier Inc. (Nasdaq: CAMP) today named Richard K. Vitelle (47) as Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary. Mr. Vitelle has extensive experience in corporate finance and public accounting and most recently served as Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary at SMTEK International, Inc., a provider of high technology electronics manufacturing services.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Vitelle has served as Chief Financial Officer of both InVitro International and Chapin Medical Company, and he was also a Senior Manager with Price Waterhouse. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, an M.B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles and is a Certified Public Accountant.

"Rick is an important and timely addition to the California Amplifier team," said Fred Sturm, Chief Executive Officer. "His strong background in finance and electronics manufacturing operations will be instrumental as we focus on positioning the Company in our dynamic and evolving markets."

California Amplifier designs, markets and manufactures a broad line of integrated microwave fixed point solutions used primarily in conjunction with satellite video and terrestrial broadband applications. The Company's wireless access business unit designs and markets integrated reception and two-way transmission fixed wireless solutions for video, voice, data, telephony and networking applications. The satellite business unit designs and markets reception components for the worldwide DBS television market as well as a full line of consumer and commercial products for video and data reception. Micro Pulse, a consolidated 50.5% ownership investment, designs, markets

and manufactures antennas for a broad range of wireless applications. California Amplifier is an ISO 9001 certified Company. For additional information, visit California Amplifier's web site at www.calamp.com.

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