

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Collins Industries Announces Appointment of Chief Financial Officer**

Hutchinson, Kansas – Donald Lynn Collins, President and Chief Executive Officer of Collins Industries, Inc. (Nasdaq: “COLLE”), announced today that the Board of Directors has named Cletus Glasener as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, effective May 23, 2005. Mr. Glasener will be responsible for all corporate and companywide accounting and finance functions, including SEC reporting requirements, information technology, and treasury functions. Mr. Glasener will report directly to the President/CEO of the Company.

“I’m pleased to announce that Cletus Glasener has been named Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Collins Industries, Inc. After an extensive national search, we feel fortunate to have attracted such an outstanding individual to serve as Chief Financial Officer for the Company. Mr. Glasener has over 22 years of experience in public financial and accounting operations and we are confident his breadth of experience will provide the leadership necessary for our financial and accounting operations,” stated Donald Lynn Collins, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Glasener, 46, served as Vice President – Controller and Treasurer of Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc. in Dallas, Texas since 2000. In this role, he served as the principal financial and accounting officer of the \$1.2B company. Additionally, Mr. Glasener managed all of the company's internal and external financial reporting, serving as the principal financial and accounting officer, reporting to Vought’s President and CEO for all of 2003 and 2004.

Mr. Glasener holds a B.A. in Economics from Washington University, and a MBA degree from the University of Missouri. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Management Accountant (CMA).

Collins Industries, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of ambulances (including medical attack vehicles, rescue vehicles and fire emergency vehicles), North America’s largest producer of Type “A” small school buses, the nation’s second largest manufacturer of terminal trucks and a leader in the road construction and industrial sweeper markets. Since 1971, the Company has grown to approximately 900 employees in six plants comprising over one million combined square feet of manufacturing space. The Company sells its products throughout the United States and abroad.

For more information on Collins Industries, Inc., visit Collins Industries, Inc.’s website at <http://www.collinsind.com>.

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