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**FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF
ALL TECH, INC. SENTENCED TO PRISON**

DES MOINES - On May 18, 2006, Andrew Mark Armstrong, 51, was sentenced to 78 months in prison for willfully failing to account for and pay employment taxes and embezzlement from an employee benefit plan (401(k)) plan and an employee health care program, announced United States Attorney Matthew G. Whitaker. In addition, U.S. District Court Judge James E. Gritzner ordered Armstrong to pay \$29,473.21 in restitution, pay a fine in the amount of \$50,000, and to serve three years of supervised release upon completion of his term of imprisonment. Armstrong, who now lives in Oklahoma, was the former general manager of All Tech, Inc., a closely-held corporation located in Elkhart, Iowa.

In October 2005, after a 4 ½ day trial, a jury found Armstrong guilty of all seven counts alleged in a federal indictment. The jury found Armstrong guilty of five counts of willfully failing to account for and pay employment taxes, one count of embezzlement from an employee benefit plan (401(k)), and one count of embezzlement from an employee health care benefit program. Armstrong received concurrent sentences of 60 months on each of the tax charges and the embezzlement from an employee benefit plan. Armstrong was sentenced to a concurrent 78 month sentence on the embezzlement from a health care benefit plan.

All Tech, Inc., was a small company in the business of repairing hydraulic parts and selling furnaces that employed about 40 people in Elkhart. According to the indictment and the evidence introduced at trial, Armstrong failed to account for and pay to the IRS withholding taxes for the fourth quarter of 1999, and all four quarters of 2000. Armstrong was also found guilty of embezzling more

than \$15,000.00 of employee 401(k) contributions between May 2000, and October 2000, which were to be paid over to the Principal Financial Group. Armstrong was further found guilty of embezzling more than \$10,000.00 of employee health care contributions between June 2000 and September 2000. The evidence at trial also showed that Armstrong diverted money from All Tech, Inc. to lease more than forty luxury vehicles.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation and the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration. The case was prosecuted by the Tax Division of the United States Department of Justice.