



## Aware, Inc. Announces Board Changes

BEDFORD, Mass., May 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Aware, Inc. (Nasdaq: AWRE), a leading supplier of broadband technology and biometrics software, today reported that Michael A. Tzannes, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Aware, was elected to the position of Chairman by the Aware Board of Directors. Mr. Tzannes will replace John K. Kerr, who recently resigned as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Aware, effective May 20, 2009. Mr. Kerr will remain on the Board as a Director. Adrian F. Kruse, a current Director of Aware, was elected to the position of Lead Director by the Aware Board of Directors.

Michael Tzannes, Aware's Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are thankful to John for his leadership over many years as Aware's Chairman and look forward to his continued service on the Board."

### About Aware

Aware is a leading technology and software supplier for the telecommunications and biometrics industries. For more than ten years, Aware has pioneered innovations at telecommunications standards-setting organizations and continues to develop and market DSL silicon intellectual property and test and diagnostics products. Its StratiPHY™ IP product line supports DSL standards, including ADSL2+ and VDSL2, and has been broadly licensed to leading semiconductor companies. Telecom equipment vendors and phone companies use Aware's DSL test and diagnostics modules and Dr. DSL® software to help provision DSL circuits globally. Aware is also a veteran of the biometrics industry, providing biometric and imaging software components used in government systems worldwide since 1992. Aware's interoperable, standard-compliant, field-proven imaging products are used in a number of applications, from border management to criminal justice to medical imaging. Aware is a publicly held company (Nasdaq: AWRE) based in Bedford, Massachusetts. [www.aware.com](http://www.aware.com)

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