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## **OFS ANNOUNCES CERTIFICATION TO THE UPGRADED TL9000 RELEASE AND ISO 9001:2000 REVISIONS**

**Atlanta, GA, June 24, 2002** - OFS, designer, manufacturer and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced the successful certification of OFS' Norcross facility to the upgraded TL9000 release 3.0 and the ISO 9001:2000 revisions.

OFS' Norcross facility is certified to ISO 9001 and has been since March 1993. As a telecommunications leader, OFS is certified to the TL 9000 standards. These standards include a formal quality policy, systematic reviews of quality activities, a corrective/preventive action system to help prevent problems before they arise, and systematic customer focus and formal continual improvements systems.

"Compliance to the ISO 9001 and TL9000 standards supports the design, production, and support of our products and spearheads our quality system," said Ruben Travieso, Norcross Plant General Manager, OFS. "Quality at OFS is evident not only in our products, but in our work environment as well."

The OFS Quality Policy is to provide industry leading optical fiber solutions through the relentless pursuit of quality excellence, thereby promoting customer satisfaction unequalled in our business. Quality is not an additional operation - it is rooted and institutionalized within every step of the business process.

With a heritage that reaches back to the birth of American quality at Western Electric, OFS supports a set of core values that include organizational learning, quality in innovation, valuing people and diverse needs, and management by actionable metrics.

## **About OFS**

OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer and provider of optical fiber, optical fiber cable, connectivity, FTTx and specialty photonics solutions. Our marketing, sales, manufacturing and research teams provide forward-looking, innovative products and solutions in areas including Telecommunications, Medicine, Industrial Automation, Sensing, Government, Aerospace and Defense applications. We provide reliable, cost effective optical solutions to enable our customers to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's digital and energy consumers and businesses.

OFS' corporate lineage dates back to 1876 and includes technology powerhouses such as AT&T and Lucent Technologies. Today, OFS is owned by Furukawa Electric, a multi-billion dollar global leader in optical communications.

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