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## **OFS FILES PATENT INFRINGEMENT SUIT AGAINST FIBERCORE, INC.**

**Atlanta, GA, August 2, 2002** - Fitel USA Corp., the parent company of OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced that it has filed suit against FiberCore, Inc. [NASDAQ: FBCE] in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

The suit charges infringement of patents covering a number of optical fiber technologies, including technologies relating to the reduction of polarization mode dispersion, and seeks an injunction barring further use of the patented technologies.

OFS President and CEO Eddie Edwards commented that "Our company has invested heavily in technology to enable us to produce the finest products on the market. By enforcing our patent rights, we plan to actively protect this competitive advantage. We believe there are a number of instances in which our competitors are utilizing technology that we developed and patented, and we intend to take steps to safeguard our investment."

### **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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