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News Release

OFS INTRODUCES COST-EFFICIENT ADDITIONS TO ITS OPTICAL CONNECTIVITY PRODUCTS

New Products Enable 10 Gb/s Applications

NFOEC, Booth # 4408, Dallas, TX, September 16, 2002 - OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced new additions to its Shielded Adapter family of products, a new premises cable and 2.0 mm sized cordage, expanding the portfolio of its Optical Connectivity Division. These, as well as the existing products, support OFS' recently announced LaserWave™ XL fiber, which enables 10 Gb/s Ethernet applications up to 600 meters.

"As system speeds increase, we want to ensure that our customers can easily and cost effectively run high-speed applications on their networks," said Denise M. Barnes, Vice President Optical Connectivity Division, OFS. "Our new products not only provide this capability, but reinforce our commitment to meeting the current and future needs of our customers in end-to-end solutions."

These new products lower the overall network cost by reducing system outages, increasing density and easing installation by reducing labor hours.

Shielded Adapter

OFS' additions to its Shielded Adapter line of products, launched at OFC 2002 earlier this year, include an LC Duplex Shielded adapter for SC openings. It is made available with or without shutters. Also being launched are a LC Simplex and Duplex Shielded adapters.

The family of non-metallic shielded adapters reduces electromagnetic energy by 25 dB at 2.5 Gb/s and up to 60 dB at 10 Gb/s. The shielded adapters join the family of previously announced angled adapters, such as the LC Simplex and Duplex Angle Shielded adapters, and the SC Simplex Angled Shielded adapter.

AccuRibbon® Interconnect Cable

The new premises cable, AccuRibbon Interconnect Cable, is Underwriters Laboratories® (UL) listed and provides the flexibility and durability to adapt to all parallel circuit applications. Unlike any product on the market, the highly flexible construction facilitates routing in tight spaces. The easy-strip ribbon, from the leader in ribbon technology, provides cleaner and faster cable termination. The cable is designed to accommodate plenum, riser or LS0H applications.

2.0 mm Cordage

In an effort to broaden its cordage offering, OFS is introducing 2.0 mm cordage to its Cordage family. Depending on the customer's needs, OFS offers cordage sizes that can accommodate for density, strength and flexibility. Each type meets all industry standards and demonstrates OFS' superior performance.

The Optical Connectivity Division (OCD) of OFS, inventor of the world's leading small form factor optical connector, the LC, provides a complete range of connectivity solutions for optical networks including the premises environment for both the service provider and local area networks. With over 25 years of continuous innovation in all aspects of product development, OCD is focused on providing optical connectivity products with superior performance, reliability and value to the customer.

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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