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News Release

OFS RECOGNIZED WITH OPTICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD

August 28, 2002 - OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced that David Peckham, Consulting Member of Technical Staff in the Fiber Design group, has been selected as a 2002 recipient of the prestigious Optical Society of America's Engineering Excellence Award.

This great honor recognizes key achievements in engineering spurred by insight, innovation, persistence and problem solving. Peckham played a vital role in the product design, development, and introduction of the TrueWave® family of fibers, making the concepts of dispersion management and dispersion compensation a practical reality. He holds the TrueWave RS fiber patent, of which 20 billion meters of fiber have been installed, representing nearly 50% of Non-zero dispersion fiber that has been deployed globally since 1997. His ground-breaking work in the design of several generations of submarine fibers has been critical to enabling successively higher capacity and lower cost undersea networks, including UltraWave(tm) SLA fiber deployed in 2001. In addition, David Peckham participated in the early design work that led to the new TrueWave REACH fiber, announced by OFS at OFC 2002.

"Thanks to individuals like David, OFS' position as the global leader in fiber optic technology continues to be reinforced," said David Kalish, R&D Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, OFS.

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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