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News Release

OFS UNVEILS ACCURIBBON® DC CABLE AT SUPERCMM 2002

SuperComm, Booth #21636, Atlanta, June 4, 2002 - OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced the introduction of its latest cable product, AccuRibbon® DC Cables. The cables are the industry's first complete family of entirely dry, central core ribbon cables. AccuRibbon® DC Cables are specifically designed to withstand extreme weather conditions for outside plant installation, as opposed to only indoor installation.

To optimize installation, AccuRibbon® DC Cable contains no filling compound, allowing for significantly lighter weight cables that also eliminate the need for pre-installation cleaning. It is estimated that the time required for splice preparation may be reduced as much as 84%, thereby greatly reducing installation costs and improving network start-up dates. As pre-installation cleaning is unnecessary, the gel-free design keeps dirt and other harmful contaminants out of splice trays, tools, equipment and splicing areas for simple, reliable splices.

"As the first gel-free design, the cable is robust enough to stand up in outside plant environments," said Paul Neuhart, Vice President, Optical Cable, OFS. "It supports faster installation and fiber termination to save our customers time and money. This is an exciting addition to our AccuRibbon® Cable family of products, and we fully anticipate that our customers will be very pleased with its capabilities."

AccuRibbon® DC Cable is available immediately in fiber counts of 12 to 216 in OFS' reliable, proven LXE dielectric and metallic sheath designs. AccuRibbon® DC Cables are fully compliant with both Telcordia and IEC international standards. In field installation simulations, AccuRibbon® DC Cables have proven themselves to be rugged and durable.

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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