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## OFS UNVEILS DUCTSAVER FX CABLE AT UTC 2002

**February 12, 2002, Reno, NV** - The newly formed OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced its newest cable product, DuctSaver FX. DuctSaver FX cable allows service providers to use utility passages to deliver services to homes and businesses in metro areas in an innovative and non-traditional manner.

DuctSaver FX is an all-dielectric fiber cable measuring 5.8 mm (0.23in) in diameter designed to run in utility lines, existing city ducts and gas lines. DuctSaver FX cable has a 48-fiber count, which allows for the highest fiber density in the smallest amount of space, dramatically increasing the capability of right-of-way. The use of the OFS patented AccuRibbon® fiber structure reduces installation time significantly. The DuctSaver FX cable uses standard 6-fiber ribbons, providing a fiber density almost identical to the highest fiber count cables.

"OFS is working with utility companies to run cables in city ducts that will enable customers' services to ramp-up in a cost and time efficient manner," said Laura Huffman, Senior Manager Optical Cable Product Management for OFS. "DuctSaver FX cable not only reduces installation costs but it also testifies to OFS's technological capabilities to increase the fiber density of a cable and maintain excellent optical and mechanical performance."

The DuctSaver FX cable is a novel and unmatched cable design, the first of its kind in the industry, which is engineered to work with all of OFS's application specific fiber solutions. DuctSaver FX cable's design fits a multiple sub-duct application perfectly to provide an open upgrade path allowing for new advances in technology to handle the traffic with no new infrastructure or reengineering necessary.

## 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.

For more information, please visit [www.ofsoptics.com](http://www.ofsoptics.com).

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