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OFS SELECTED TO SUPPLY FIBER OPTIC CABLE FOR KUWAIT MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION

OFS and Kuwait Messaging Services Company to Execute Fiber Optic Cable Transmission Ring

Hannover, Germany, Hall 27, Stand 24/1, March 12, 2003 OFS, designer, manufacturer and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, has been selected by Kuwait Messaging Services Company (KMSC), a management consulting and systems integration professional services company, to supply Loose Tube All Dielectric, Dry Core Outdoor Cables and Loose Tube Light Armor Outdoor Cables for the execution of a Fiber Optic Cable Transmission Ring for the Kuwait Ministry of Communication (MOC).

The OFS solution will connect all existing exchanges in Kuwait to the international gateway with more than 450 km of Loose Tube Cables.

The cables are a combination of the armored and dielectric jackets with no filling/flooding compound in the cable core. The dielectric design is used in duct installations while the armored cable is used to deliver rugged durability with added rodent resistance.

“We have selected OFS for this project because of the superior fiber and cable technology, products quality, low cost solution and on-time delivery,” said Wail Jawad Al Kayyali, KMSC’s General Manager.

“By teaming with KMSC to supply MOC with duct cables and direct buried cables, OFS will help maximize MOC’s network performance, while providing the lowest installation cost,” said Willie O’Connell, Director for Sales for OFS in EMEA.

About KMSC

Kuwait Messaging Services Company (KMSC), formed to provide management consulting and systems integration professional services in information technology, data communications services and High-speed Internet services via Satellite, delivers turnkey solutions by integrating business requirements with technology solutions.

The primary mission of Kuwait Messaging Services Company is to research, develop, integrate market outfit, support and “to deliver appropriate integrated communications and information technology solutions in order to increase enterprise productivity and provide infrastructure investment protection” For more information visit www.falconstream.com and www.msc-kuwait.com

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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