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OFS TO SUPPLY FIBEROPTIC CABLE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT

OFS' LXE-ME CABLE CHOSEN FOR ITS TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY AND OFS' LONG HISTORY OF SUCCESS IN DELIVERIES TO EGYPT

ATLANTA, Georgia – USA – 30 October 2003 - OFS, designer, manufacturer and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, has been selected by PrimaComm Systems Integrator and Specialized Professional Outside Plant (OSP) Service Provider in Egypt to supply LXE-ME Central Tube Armored Steel Wire Fiber Optic cables and accessories to expand and improve the infrastructure of the fiber optic network for the Office of the President (OP) of Egypt. The LXE-ME cable exceeds the office's durability and rodent protection requirements. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2003.

"PrimaComm Management, formerly the Lucent Technologies International OSP Project Management Team, selected OFS for this project due to the superior performance of their fiber and cable technology, cost effectiveness of the solution and a history of on-time delivery," said Ashraf Fawzy, vice president and CEO at PrimaComm. "OFS stands behind the quality of its product with excellent technical support and service, which was another compelling reason for us to select OFS for this very important project."

The LXE family of products is designed for the distribution, access and metro markets, where express entry is a common practice. These cables provide excellent optical, mechanical, and environmental performance in compact, reliable designs. The LXE-ME (metallic) outside plant cable design has an overlapped layer of corrugated electrolytically chrome-coated steel (ECCS) armor that surrounds the central tube and has a ripcord under it to ease its removal. The outer sheath jacket is made of High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) to provide faster installation and optimum cable core protection in hostile environments.

"PrimaComm is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable companies in the Egypt and Middle East markets," said Willie O'Connell, OFS director of sales for EMEA. "OFS is committed to helping PrimaComm maximize OP's network performance, as well as meeting PrimaComm's fiber optic cable and accessory needs, all while providing a solution that is cost effective."

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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