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ICORNERSTONE SELECTS THE ALLOPTIC AND OFS FIBER-TO-THE-HOME NETWORK SOLUTION TO CONNECT GEORGIA HOMEOWNERS

Broadband Properties Summit, Irving, TX, September 13, 2004, Alloptic Inc., a pioneer in the development and deployment of Ethernet passive optical networks (ePONs), the ultimate communications network for today and tomorrow, and OFS, a designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, together announced that iCornerstone, Inc. has deployed the Alloptic access network with OFS fiber cable in two of their premier communities - The Reserve and Timberland located in the greater Atlanta area.

“Our objective at The Reserve and Timberland, was to create communities that are attentive to the changing needs of our homebuyers,” said Joel Thomas, Director of Operations for iCornerstone. “As we prepared to develop these two communities, we found it disheartening that the traditional infrastructure providers were offering the same old technology. We were not convinced that, the technology would be capable of keeping up with our homeowners needs. With Alloptic’s passive optical network and OFS’ customized end-to-end optical fiber and connectivity solution, we are able to provide an infrastructure that is truly future proof and still preserve the natural beauty of the surroundings.”

Alloptic’s Gigabit Ethernet Passive Optical Network (Gig-EPON) provides the greatest bandwidth available in the market for fiber access networks in residential communities. With a gigabit of bandwidth to each home, Alloptic provides a future proof access network for today and tomorrow’s applications and services. The passive network architecture of Alloptic’s access solution eliminates the need for active electronics and removes unsightly curb structures in the community.

“We are pleased to add iCornerstone, The Reserve and Timberland to our growing list of fiber connected communities,” said John Yuzdepski, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Alloptic. “Our technology is being used around the country in award-winning communities

because developers understand that an advanced communications infrastructure is a critical element for today's digital lifestyle. Whether connecting people with a community intranet or linking the residents to the larger world for entertainment, and educational purposes, an advanced communications network enables and enriches the life of homebuyer."

"With a full offering of an end-to-end optical fiber solution, project management and technical support, we were able to streamline the roll-out of fiber-to-the-home to iCornerstone's homeowners," said Ric Johnsen, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at OFS. OFS' Access ADVANTAGE system is the first end-to-end FTTP optical fiber cabling system that enables the lowest cost and extended reach for current and future applications, point to point, and mixed architecture networks, for analog and digital voice, data and video applications.

About Alloptic Inc.

Alloptic provides industry leading network equipment for fiber-to-the-home, business, and Multi-Dwelling Unit. Enabling ultra fast internet, state-of-the-art cable TV and worry free telephone service connected reliably and efficiently at the speed of light. Alloptic's proven standards-based FTTP network access equipment serves communities, telecommunications carriers and cable providers in the U.S. and around the world.

Founded in 1999, Alloptic is privately held and based in Livermore, California. For more information, please visit www.alloptic.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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