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News Release

OFS INTRODUCES NEW LOW LOSS SPECIALITY PHOTONICS PRODUCTS

Advances in Specialty Fibers Optimized for Long Haul Applications

OFC Conference, Los Angeles, Booth 2538, February, 24, 2004 – OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today introduced two new low loss products: the RightWave® Low Loss Wide Band (LLWB) Dispersion Slope Compensating Module (DSCM), and DSCM for Dispersion Shifted (DSDK) fiber G.653.

The latest addition to the RightWave family of small-form factor dispersion and dispersion-slope management devices from OFS' Specialty Photonics Division, the RightWave LLWB is designed for both long haul and metro applications. The RightWave LLWB provides lower attenuation (loss); greater flexibility in capacity expansion by enabling transmission across more of the spectrum; and helps reduce overall network system costs by increasing the useable spectral capacity of fibers, lowering the footprint of passive optical networking equipment, and helping to decrease the costs associated with managing both chromatic dispersion as well as polarization mode dispersion (PMD).

OFS provides an extended product line of Dispersion Slope Compensating Module options, to manage both dispersion and dispersion slope of any transmission fiber in any band, including 80mm RightWave DSCM solutions. OFS DSCM's can be tailored to encompass a wide variety of gain-values and transmission fiber types. With over a decade of experience in specialty fibers and its proven leadership in dispersion compensating technology from its Bell Labs heritage and the introduction of the first "standard DK" DSCM in 1997, OFS has been and continues to be the global leader in chromatic dispersion management.

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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