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News Release

OFS HONORED BY SBC AS OUTSTANDING SUPPLIER

Norcross, GA, June 6, 2005 – Commitment to excellence has earned OFS recognition as an outstanding supplier this past year to SBC Communications Inc. (NYSE: SBC), one of the world's leading data, voice and Internet services providers.

"We are proud of our longstanding tradition of going beyond the call for our customers," said Maureen Merkle, President, SBC Procurement. "We succeed at that because strategic supply chain partners like OFS consistently go beyond the call for us."

OFS was one of a select group of 47 suppliers recognized for their work in helping the SBC companies deliver outstanding service to its customers during the past year. OFS was recognized for its contributions in the Teamwork category.

"OFS puts a high degree of emphasis on our supply chain partnerships and we are honored to be recognized for our Teamwork with such a respected telecommunications service provider. This award acknowledges our commitment to SBC's need for best-in-class in Outside Plant products including OFS' AccuRibbon® DC Dry cable and AllWave® Zero Water Peak fiber," said Bill Kloss, Vice President of Sales for OFS. "We look forward to continuing to support SBC in their diversity goals and providing benchmark customer service."

As part of its annual supplier recognition program, SBC took out a half-page ad in the April 22 edition of the Wall Street Journal to publicly thank the selected companies.

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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