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OFS' INNOVATIVE ORBITAL™ 288 CABINET EXPANDS ITS FTTX FIBER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Radial Patching Provides Benefits that Many Others Don't: Prevents Jumpers from Tangling Enables Faster Rerouting, and Reduces Jumper Inventory

OSP Expo 2005, Booth 520, Fort Worth, Nov. 16, 2005 – OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, announced today the availability of the Orbital 288 Cabinet, the latest offering of its FTTx Fiber Management System. Just a few months after the introduction of the Orbital 384 Cabinet, OFS demonstrates its technological leadership again with this family of pioneering FTTx products that feature breakthrough improvements in fiber distribution management.

Designed to serve up to 288 homes, the Orbital Cabinet features OFS' unique splitter module that incorporates its own low loss PLC devices featuring low loss, high performance LC and MPO connectors. In a new and radically improved fiber distribution scheme, the Orbital 288 Cabinet routes all fibers from a central hub located on the main panel. This radial configuration creates a "one-fiber-length-fits-all" solution, promoting additional modularity while reducing cabinet size to minimize visual impact.

"The Orbital 288 Cabinet's radial fiber configuration has many advantages compared to traditional arrangements," said Dan Hendrickson, Product Manager for Connectivity Products at OFS. "It helps ensure easy fiber tracing and redeployment, helps prevent fibers from 'knotting', and helps reduce installation and rerouting time, and that can lower costs."

The Orbital 288 Cabinet is part of OFS' Access ADVANTAGE™ System, an end-to-end FTTx cabling system enabling up to 50% greater bandwidth and extended reach through full spectrum, low loss optical performance, that combines groundbreaking application-specific fibers with efficient cabling and compact connectivity products in lowest cost-per-bit networks.

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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