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News Release

OFS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF KATSUHIKO MUROTA AS ITS CEO & CHAIRMAN

Norcross, GA, March 6, 2006 – OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, announced the appointment of Katsuhiko (Jack) Murota to the position of CEO & Chairman of OFS. Mr. Murota replaces Mr. Kiyoshi Takeuchi, who is returning to Japan to become CTO of the Furukawa Electric Company (FEC), the parent company of OFS.

Mr. Murota joined Furukawa Electric in April of 1974, after graduating from Osaka University in Japan, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Prior to joining OFS, Mr. Murota served as corporate Vice President of Furukawa Electric. In this position, he directed and managed the promotion of overseas business activities and manufacturing operations in the Telecom Company of FEC. He has also been a member of both the OFS and the OFS Fitel Denmark boards of directors since 2004.

"We are indebted to Mr. Takeuchi for successfully guiding our company with leadership and long-term vision through very critical market conditions," said Mr. Murota. "We wish him the best of luck in his new role at Furukawa Electric," he added. Mr. Murota also noted that he is committed to further expand OFS' leading reputation as one of the most innovative companies in the optical fiber industry and to provide greater value to OFS customers. He has encouraged OFS employees to respond to the improving market opportunities with a positive frame of mind, imaginative and original ideas, and enthusiasm after a difficult period for the industry.

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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