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OFS ORBITAL™ FIBER DISTRIBUTION CABINET LISTED WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT UTILITIES PROGRAM (RDUP)

Norcross, GA, October 1, 2007 — OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge optic products, announced today that its ORBITAL™ Fiber Distribution Cabinet (FDC) has been accepted for listing by the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Program (RDUP).

“This RDUP listing is key so that more rural FTTH communities can benefit from the ORBITAL Cabinet's revolutionary patching system,” said William Kloss, President, Telecommunications Marketing and Sales, Americas for OFS. “OFS' comprehensive FTTH product portfolio offers cost-effective, smart solutions providing access to these services not only in densely populated cities and towns, but to those in rural and remote geographic regions,” Kloss added.

The ORBITAL FDC uses radial fiber routing technology to help solve the time consuming routing problems that plague conventional cabinets. It also eases changes and upgrades using MPO splitter modules that enable cost effective bandwidth growth as customer demands increase.

Inclusion on the RDUP List of Materials means that qualifying rural telephone companies, utilities, and municipalities may purchase products with long-term, low-interest loans funded by the United States government. The loan program is designed to control costs, enabling customers in rural area to have access to the same services as those offered by the larger regional and national service providers.

The ORBITAL Fiber Distribution Cabinet will be at the FTTH Conference 2007, Orlando, Florida, September 30 – October 3, 2007, Booth 613.

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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