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## **OFS AND DRAKA COMTEQ SETTLE PATENT INFRINGEMENT SUIT**

**Norcross, GA, May 6, 2008** - Furukawa Electric North America, Inc., and OFS Fitel, LLC, both of Norcross, Georgia, on the one hand, and Draka Comteq B.V., of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Draka Comteq America, Inc. of North Dighton, Massachusetts, on the other hand, are pleased to announce that the parties have fully and completely resolved the patent disputes at issue in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Civ. Action No. 5:07-CV-00058 (the “North Carolina Case”) and in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Civ. Action No. 2:07-CV-427. Having resolved these disputes, the parties jointly look forward to a continued successful future business relationship.

### **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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