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News Release

OFS ANNOUNCES VERIZON HAS SELECTED ITS EZ-BEND® OPTICAL TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT MDU FIOS DEPLOYMENTS

New Technology Can Improve Bending Performance by up to 500 times to Help Speed Deployment and Lower Installation Costs

Norcross, Georgia, September 21, 2009 — OFS today announced that Verizon Communications Inc. will be purchasing and installing OFS' EZ-Bend® multiple dwelling unit (MDU) drop cable in their MDU FIOS applications. OFS' ground-breaking EZ-Bend Technology will satisfy Verizon's critical need for fast and economical fiber deployments in their MDU installations by allowing cables to be bent and routed in ways never before feasible using traditional optical drop cables.

“The benefits of bringing fiber to the MDU were apparent to Verizon with higher bandwidths than copper wiring,” said William Kloss, OFS Executive VP of Marketing & Sales, North America & CALA. “We needed to create a new technology to make reaching customers faster and more cost effective for Verizon or any service provider deploying fiber drop cables to apartments and condominiums. The EZ-Bend Technology offers up to a 500-fold improvement in bending loss performance over conventional single-mode fiber (SMF) type cables under the tight bends routinely encountered in MDU and in-residence installations. This means the optical signal will not leak in tight bends so that ultra high speed video, internet, and voice services can be reliably delivered to customers. The benefit for Verizon and other service providers is lower labor, higher velocity installations to help reach customers faster with lower cost.”

About EZ-Bend Technology

OFS' patent pending EZ-Bend Technology is the first which targets MDU applications and

provides <0.1 dB/turn bending loss performance at 1550 nm using a solid glass fiber construction, while being fully splice and performance compatible with typical installed fibers. The solid glass construction of EZ-Bend technology fiber enables the use of conventional fusion splicing equipment, conventional connector mounting and conventional connector cleaning processes. A robust patent pending optical cable design helps protect the optical fiber from being kinked or crushed.

A live EZ-Bend Technology demonstration will be featured at the OFS booth #315 at the FTTH Conference & Expo, September 27th – October 1st 2009 in Houston, Texas.

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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