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OFS ANNOUNCES FOX™ MOBILE BACKHAUL SOLUTION FOR CONNECTING FIBER TO THE CELL SITE

OFC/ NFOEC 2010, Booth 1023, San Diego, California, March 22, 2010 - OFS, a leading designer, manufacturer and supplier of innovative fiber optic network products, today announced that it is introducing the FOX™ Mobile Backhaul Solution for connecting cell sites to optical fiber networks. The FOX Mobile Backhaul Solution is a compact, secure, and easy to install passive optical system that is superb for service providers that are upgrading their bandwidth starved cell sites to the fiber-enabled bandwidths required for supporting 4G, LTE, and WiMax applications.

“Mobile service providers are seeing an order of magnitude increase in data consumption among smart-phone users, and this is straining the existing copper infrastructure in our customers’ wireless networks,” said Timothy Pillow, Senior Vice President Global Marketing and Sales for OFS. “The FOX Mobile Backhaul Solution for connecting cell sites offers carriers quick access to 10 to 100 times more bandwidth, which can ease network congestion and allow capacity for revenue generating applications for their customers.”

About the FOX Mobile Backhaul Solution

The FOX Mobile Backhaul Solution consists of a complete optical path from the optical ring through to the cell site active equipment ports. Lateral cables can be installed quickly using OFS’ Fortex™ DT patented gel free cable, or quickly pulled through existing conduit using OFS compact microcables. The FOX Mobile Backhaul Solution utilizes OFS award winning AllWave® FLEX ZWP Bend optimized fiber throughout, to create a compact solution that enables using the full spectrum of wavelengths at low loss for simple high speed upgrades.

The new FOX Pluggable Drop Cable assembly can be easily pulled through conduits to help eliminate field splicing, and uses factory-terminated standard connectors which can be securely plugged inside locked enclosures. The new V-LINX® Pluggable Drop Terminal can quickly extend its spooled cable to a variable length of up to 300 feet, and enables up to 12

pluggable connections from the terminal to the cell site equipment. The flexible AccuDry® Cables used in both of the drop solutions can reduce slack storage volume by more than fifty percent over existing solutions and protect the connectors with a special sock enabling a 100 lb pull force.

OFS also offers other innovative connectivity solutions for interconnecting or cross connecting from the drop cable fibers to the cell-site equipment in a secure and simple manner. If field connector terminations are desired, the OFS Splice-on-Connector can be quickly and easily terminated to any of the cables within the FOX Mobile Backhaul Solution.

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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