



News Release

OFS' AVON, CT FACILITY, AN ESTABLISHED MEDICAL SUB-COMPONENT MANUFACTURER, ACHIEVES ISO 13485 CERTIFICATION

AVON, Connecticut, July 24, 2009 - OFS, Specialty Photonics Division, today announces its Avon facility's certification to the international management system standard ISO 13485, as verified by Bureau Veritas Certification. All OFS Specialty Photonics Division facilities have maintained ISO 9001 certification to help ensure the quality and repeatability of its product manufacturing. The Avon facility has taken the additional step to acquire ISO 13485 because of its strong focus on component manufacturing for the medical industry. Medical components manufactured in Avon include both disposable and reusable probes, fibers, and assemblies supplied to OEMs in the medical device industry and used in surgery and office outpatient procedures.

"We maintain very close relationships with our customers, and found that they would find it much easier to do business with us if we had the additional (ISO 13485) certification. So we made the business decision to implement the systems, documentation, and auditing processes necessary to help ensure the level of quality our customers required," said Mike Winslow, Quality Manager for OFS, Specialty Photonics Division.

"More and more, medical device manufacturers are asking their suppliers to be 13485 certified. Being certified allows us to further satisfy our key medical customers and create new opportunities," added Steve Allen, OFS' Medical Market Manager. Mr. Allen went on to say, "...with 25 years of experience designing and manufacturing optical fibers and fiber based products, medical OEMS can rely on us to meet their customers' critical specifications and help get to market faster."

A new brochure, detailing OFS' medical manufacturing capabilities and their unique products, such as HCXtreme optical fibers for transmitting high laser powers through tight bends, is available at www.SpecialtyPhotonics.com, or by calling (860) 678-0371.

About OFS

OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer, and provider of optical fiber, optical fiber cable, FTTX, optical connectivity, and specialty photonics products. Our manufacturing and research divisions work together to provide innovative products and solutions that traverse many different applications as they link people and machines worldwide. Between continents, between cities, around neighborhoods, and into homes and businesses of digital consumers we provide the right optical fiber, optical cable and components for efficient, cost-effective transmission. OFS' corporate lineage dates back to 1876 and included technology powerhouses such as AT&T (NYSE: T) and Lucent Technologies (now Alcatel-Lucent, NYSE: ALU). Today, OFS is owned by Furukawa Electric, a multi-billion dollar global leader in optical communications.

Headquartered in Norcross (near Atlanta) Georgia, U.S., OFS is a global provider with facilities in Avon, Connecticut; Carrollton, Georgia; Somerset, New Jersey; and Sturbridge, Massachusetts, as well as in Denmark, Germany and Russia.

For more information, please visit www.ofsoptics.com.

About OFS, Specialty Photonics Division

OFS, Specialty Photonics Division, is the industry leader in optical fiber design or modification for highly specialized or customized applications. It supplies advanced optical fibers, including specialty multimode, specialty single-mode, rare-earth doped, polarization-maintaining and other nonstandard fibers. It also manufactures specialty cables and connectors, and other specialty products, such as high-power laser components. For more information about the Specialty Photonics Division, please visit: www.SpecialtyPhotonics.com

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