

OFS Celebrates Forty Years of Optical Fiber Production in Sturbridge, MA

Sturbridge, Massachusetts, October 14, 2021 - OFS, a leading manufacturer of innovative fiber optic products, today announces forty years of optical fiber production in its Sturbridge, Massachusetts facility. Founded initially as SpecTran in early 1981, the company's vision was that of an integrated supplier of optical fiber and cable in both the data communication and telecommunications markets. Founder, CEO and Chairman, Dr. Raymond E. Jaeger was the driving force in growing the business in the early years and still resides in Sturbridge.

In 1994, SpecTran acquired Ensign-Bickford's Specialty and Optical Technologies business in Avon, Connecticut, to add that specialty fiber portfolio to its multimode fiber offerings at Sturbridge.

In 2000, Lucent Technologies purchased SpecTran for its Optical Fiber Solutions business and made significant investment in manufacturing capacity in both Sturbridge and Avon. In 2001, Lucent Technologies sold its Optical Fiber Solutions business to Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.

Today, forty years after its origin, the Sturbridge facility, operating as part of OFS, is a leader in multimode fiber technology with world-class optical fiber draw technology and engineering systems backed by the technical strength of OFS Laboratories. More than 100 employees at Sturbridge focus on serving customers in the cloud and enterprise data center space and supporting Local Area Network (LAN) applications with speeds up to 400Gb/s and beyond over LaserWave® Multimode Optical Fiber.

“Beyond the state-of-the-art equipment used to produce optical fiber in Sturbridge, our ability to be a premium quality provider of multimode optical fiber stems from the contributions of our human resources,” said Dennis Leonard, General Manager, OFS Sturbridge Optical Fiber. “Our technical and operational teams take pride in their ability to innovate, resulting in improved optical fiber performance year over year.”

OFS Sturbridge is an ISO 9001 certified plant for designing, developing, and manufacturing optical fiber.

About OFS

OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer and provider of optical fiber, fiber optic cable, connectivity, fiber-to-the-subscriber (FTTx), and specialty fiber optic products. We put our development and manufacturing resources to work creating solutions for applications in such areas as telecommunications, medicine, industrial automation, sensing, aerospace, defense, and energy. We provide reliable, cost-effective fiber optic solutions that help our customers meet the needs of consumers and businesses today and into the future.

Headquartered in Norcross (near Atlanta) Georgia, U.S.A., OFS is a global provider with facilities in China, Denmark, Germany, Morocco, Russia, and the United States. OFS is part of Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd, a multi-billion dollar leader in optical communications.

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