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News Release

ATTIKA TELECOMMUNICATION SELECTS OFS' ALLWAVE® FIBER and MIDIA® FX CABLES for NEW METROPOLITAN NETWORK in ATHENS, GREECE

New Network to be Completed for 2004 Summer Olympic Games

Hannover, Germany, Hall 27, Stand 24/1, March 12, 2003— OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced that Attika Telecommunication, the leading network operator in greater Athens, has selected OFS' industry leading AllWave® fiber and MiDia® FX cables to build-out a metropolitan area network in downtown Athens. The network will be completed and deployed to support the 2004 Summer Olympic games.

OFS worked with network integrator LINK SA in Greece to design the turnkey solution used to implement the network. The solution features AllWave fiber designed specifically for metro and local access networks and the MiDia FX cable, designed for heavily congested duct spaces in fiber optic networks. Fiber, cable, installation and documentation are included in the solution.

"OFS was the clear choice because they were the only vendor with a solution that enabled us to install 72 count optical fiber cable into the narrowest, mini ducts measuring 8-10 millimeter in size. The MiDia FX cable can easily be installed in the crowded existing duct network in Athens," explained Mr. Themis Papaioannou, General Manager of Attika Telecommunication.

"OFS' AllWave fiber allows Attika to add up to 33% more capacity as needed with the option of deploying CWDM technology for future network upgrades," says Willie O'Connell, Director for Sales for OFS in EMEA.

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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