OFS ANNOUNCES NEW, GROUNDBREAKING SOLUTION FOR FIBER-TO-THE-MULTIPLE DWELLING UNIT DEPLOYMENTS

Speeds Deployment, and Can Reduce Both Labor Cost and Space by Up to 50%

OSP Expo 2007, Booth #532, San Jose, CA, August 27, 2007 – OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading-edge fiber optic products and solutions, today announced it has developed a new and improved solution for installing fiber within Multiple Dwelling Units (MDUs). Service providers often encounter cost and space barriers when installing fiber to apartment and condominium units. The new MDU solution can help win customers faster at lower cost, by helping to cutting installation time, space, and labor cost up to 50%, and supports in-building PON or point-to-point fiber networks to each living unit.

“The new MDU solution will provide a fully standards-compliant “plug and play” optical path from the cable entry point to the unit, within MDUs, utilizing new cables and components featuring OFS’ bend-optimized AllWave® FLEX ZWP fiber,” said John George, Director of FTTX Solutions at OFS. “AllWave FLEX fiber enables the system to route through tight bends in MDU buildings while inconspicuously fitting in compact spaces," Mr. George added. Built-on a design originally patented by OFS’ predecessor Bell Labs in 1986, the bend-optimized AllWave FLEX fiber was introduced to the market in March 2006 and today is the standard in many OFS products and solutions.

The full OFS MDU solution and its components will be displayed and commercially available at the FTTH Conference in Orlando, Florida, September 30 – October 4, 2007, Booth #613.
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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