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OFS INTRODUCES ACCURIBBON® DC TL CABLE AT BICSI WINTER CONFERENCE

OFS' New Cable is Ideal for Campus Runs Between Buildings or Building to Metro Access

BiCSi 2004 Winter Conference, Orlando, Booth #109, January 11, 2004 – OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced the introduction of its latest cable product, AccuRibbon® DC TL cable. A welcome addition to the AccuRibbon cable family, this compact size cable uses the same super-absorbent water blocking tape that is also featured in OFS' AccuRibbon DC cables to make a totally dry, no filling compound, outdoor-indoor ribbon cable of up to 432 fibers.

AccuRibbon DC TL cable features a flame retardant, low-smoke-zero-halogen jacket, and is rated for use as either an outside plant cable or an indoor cable. For outside plant use, the cable is fully compliant with Telcordia GR-20-CORE, including all water blocking requirements. As an indoor cable, AccuRibbon DC TL cable is riser-rated, and it has passed Underwriters Laboratories' (UL) 1666 and 1685 tests.

“AccuRibbon DC TL cable is perfectly suited for our customers who need to extend cable through a building, or who don't want to add a cable splice when transitioning between indoor and outdoor runs,” said Ken Taylor, Product Manager for Outside Plant Cable, OFS. “The compact size and high fiber count of the new cable make it the clear choice for a wide variety of applications where a standard size cable wouldn't be feasible or would add to a project's costs.”

In addition to the compact size and other features, the cable contains no filling compound, which results in a lighter and safer cable with reduced preparation and clean-up time for installers.

- AccuRibbon DC TL cable summary of features:
- Totally dry, with no filling compound

- Flame retardant, low-smoke-zero-halogen jacket
- All dielectric construction
- Full GR-20 compliance, including water blocking
- Riser-rated, having passed UL 1666 and 1685 flame tests
- A single cable solution for the transition from the outside to the inside environment
- Up to 432 fibers

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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