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OFS LAUNCHES CHINA OPERATIONS

Beijing, China, June 20, 2002 - OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, announced this week that it will invest in the fast-growing China market over the next year. Eddie Edwards, President and CEO of OFS, made this announcement at the grand opening ceremony of its Beijing office, in front of key customers, government officials and press.

Beyond current fiber distribution and sales in the region, Mr. Edwards revealed OFS' plan to build a cable facility in China that is expected to be operational within the next 12 to 18 months. The plant will have access to all of OFS' leading fiber and cable designs, such as the newly announced, cost-saving, AccuRibbon® Dry Core cable, the industry benchmark zero water-peak AllWave® fiber and the industry's best matched non-zero dispersion fiber (NZDF) dispersion compensation TrueWave® fiber.

"As a global leader in the optical fiber industry, OFS is committed to bringing cutting-edge technology and award-winning products to China," said Mr. Edwards. "We look forward to a bright future in the burgeoning China market. This expansion is consistent with OFS' heritage of anticipating and exceeding market demands."

According to telecommunications research analyst firm, KMI, China will install a total of 65 million fiber-km of cable in all levels of its fiber optic network in the next five years from 2001 to 2005. Demand will grow at an annual growth rate of 11% from 11 million fiber-km in 2001 to 16 million fiber-km in 2005 among which NZDF fiber will be 4 million fiber-km each year.

Joseph Chan, Managing Director, Asia and Great China, OFS, expects OFS' business to grow significantly in China, "As the world's leading innovator in the optical fiber industry, OFS is committed to providing China's customers with increased value by offering products that deliver lowest cost per bit network solution and protecting investments through future flexible solutions," said Mr. Chan.

OFS' products are already deployed in the networks of major China service providers including: China Telecom, China Mobile, China Netcom, China Unicom, State Administration for Radio Film and Television (SARFT), and China railway communications.

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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