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News Release

OFS NAMES THREE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF TECHNICAL STAFF

Norcross, Georgia, October 4, 2011 – OFS, a leading designer, manufacturer and supplier of innovative fiber optic network products, has announced that Yongbin Chen, David Knight and Benyuan Zhu have been named Distinguished Members of the Technical Staff (DMTS).

The DMTS title is reserved for the top 10-15 percent of engineers and scientists across OFS and its research subsidiary, OFS Labs. To be considered for nomination, candidates must show sustained excellence as an engineer, an educator/mentor, a subject matter expert, and a technical leader with a highly positive business impact.

Yongbin Chen is an engineer in the company's Norcross, Ga. single-mode fiber manufacturing facility, where he is responsible for the VAD core design process area. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering from Shenyang University of Technology in China. After working in both engineering and management positions at the Shenyang Transformer Research Institute, he received his M.S. degree from Georgia Institute of Technology.

David Knight is an engineer at OFS' multimode optical fiber manufacturing facility in Sturbridge, Mass., where he has made significant contributions in the MCVD, glassworks, draw, and proof-test areas. He has led more than 70 process improvements and has co-authored 29 internal technical reports. He holds a Master's Degree in Physics from the University of Sussex.

Benyuan Zhu joined Bell Laboratories (now OFS Labs) at Holmdel, NJ in 1999. He has worked primarily on high-speed transmission systems, novel fiber and advanced optical amplifier technologies. He has authored/ coauthored more than 100 journal and conference papers, and one book chapter in the field of optical fiber communications. He holds a Ph.D. in applied physics from Bath University.

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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