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News Release

OFS OFFERS ROHS-COMPLIANT PRODUCTS

Norcross, GA, September 18, 2006 – OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading-edge fiber optic products, announced that it offers premises cables and optical connectivity products that are fully RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) compliant. Also known as Directive 2002/95/EC, the RoHS initiative originated in the European Union (EU) and restricts the use of six hazardous materials in electrical and electronic products, a class that includes optical cables, connectors and apparatus. All applicable products sold in the EU market starting July 1, 2006 must be RoHS compliant. Similar regulations will be coming into effect in China in the near future.

“At OFS we integrate environmental and safety considerations into our corporate activities -- including the design, production, distribution and support of our products,” said Bill Kloss, President of the North American FTTx, Cable & Connectivity Divisions at OFS. “We are also grateful to our suppliers that helped us achieve this goal without compromising the quality of our portfolio,” Mr. Kloss added.

OFS also offers an extensive line of low smoke zero halogen (LSOH) premises cordage and cable products that are compliant not only with the RoHS directive but also with IEC requirements for smoke density and acid gas generation during combustion.

As a dedicated corporate citizen, OFS is fully committed to protecting the environment and safety of its people, its customers, and the communities where it operates.

The company will continue to offer premises cables and connectivity products that serve specific market applications, or meet certain customers' precise requirements.

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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