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News Release

OFS Optical Fiber Wins PTK Kosovo Contract To Build Out Optical Infrastructure

Latest Generation of AllWave® Fiber Selected for New Networks

Hannover, Germany, Hall 27, Stand 24/1, March 12, 2003 — OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced that it has been selected by PTK Kosovo (PTK), the telecommunications service provider for the territory of Kosovo, to provide the latest generation of its industry leading AllWave® fiber for the continued build out of Kosovo's optical fiber network. The network will bring basic phone service to the residents of Kosovo and enable GSM and ISP services.

OFS and PTK worked closely together to examine PTK's needs in its efforts to bring Kosovo's telecom infrastructure into the 21st Century. AllWave fiber was selected for PTK's nascent network because it can increase network capacity up to 50 percent while reducing application costs by up to 40 percent. AllWave fiber offers the same dispersion as conventional single-mode fiber but with reduced loss and zero water peak in the 1400 nm water peak region. This enables the use of extra bandwidth equivalent to 100 nm of Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) channels.

"AllWave fiber was the obvious choice as it enables us to build an optical network that will serve every household in Kosovo now and grow the network with our needs and developing technologies," explained Mr. Shkelzen Cakaj, Consulting Manager in PTK Kosovo.

"AllWave fiber enables PTK to cost-effectively meet the needs of building a new telecom network infrastructure and provides the flexibility to upgrade capacity with additional channels as needed," said Willie O'Connell, Director for Sales for OFS in EMEA.

OFS worked closely with PTK to identify and create the optimal solution for PTK as it continues to build a telecom infrastructure that has been virtually nonexistent and structurally damaged because of the prior conflicts in the region.

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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