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## **OFS SELLS ITS OSP CLOSURE PRODUCT LINE TO CICADA TECHNOLOGY INC.**

**Norcross, GA, February 15, 2005** — OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced the sale of its Outside Plant (OSP) Closure product line to Cicada Technology Inc., of Albany, Georgia. OFS and Cicada Technology Inc. jointly reached an agreement for Cicada Technology Inc. to acquire the OSP Closure product line based in Norcross, Georgia.

The acquisition will enhance Cicada Technology's product offering in OSP fiber cable connectivity. Products included in the line are Fiber Optic Closure 2400LG/SC, Fiber Optic Closure 2418LG1, Fiber Optic Closure 2550SC, Fiber Optic Closure 2600LG, Fiber Optic Closure 3000SC and Fiber Optic Closure UCB series. Cicada Technology now owns the physical assets and has a right to use the technical information relating to OFS' OSP Closure product line.

"This is a very good agreement for all the parties involved, including customers and employees," said John Phillips, CEO of Cicada Technology Inc. "Our company and our management team have significant experience in fiber optic closures and are totally committed to support our customer base and expand this product line.

"We have honed the focus of our connectivity business, while serving the customer base of the OSP product line with a seamless handover to Cicada Technology," said Mike Pearsall, Vice President of the Optical Connectivity Division of OFS.

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.

### **About Cicada Technology Inc.**

Cicada Technology is an affiliate of Applied Fiber Telecommunications, Incorporated and Gould Technology, LLC. The Cicada operation includes the fabrication and assembly of kits and accessories for the telecommunications, industrial and medical industries with an emphasis on vacuum forming and RF sealing. It is based in Albany, Georgia.

## **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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