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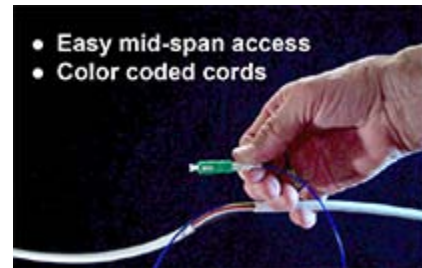
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News Release

HOMERUN INDOOR MDU CABLING SOLUTION REDUCES INSTALLATION STEPS

Helps Save Time and Labour

London, United Kingdom, 19. February 2013 - OFS, a leading designer, manufacturer and supplier of innovative fibre optic network products, introduces the HomeRun Indoor MDU Cabling Solution to the European, Middle East and African (EMEA) markets. The HomeRun MDU Cabling System, a FOX Solution™ component set, is designed to reduce installation steps and connections, enabling faster, easier, lower loss, and less expensive fibre deployment in multiple dwelling unit (MDU) buildings.



“MDU owners desire faster installation to avoid disturbing tenants. Service providers seek to lower both installation labour and optical loss in FTTH networks. The HomeRun Solution meets these needs through faster installation with lower loss by eliminating intermediate connections between riser and floor cabling,” said Jason Pedder, Director Product Marketing, EMEA Cable and Connectivity for OFS. The OFS HomeRun Solution cable consists of individual drops bundled in one sheath enabling multiple compact drop cables to be easily pulled up a riser and down a hallway in a single step. The solution can be installed in moldings or above suspended ceilings. The individual drop is removed from the sheath and terminated with a mechanical or fusion splice on connector and connected in the OFS SlimBox™ module.

Traditional solutions require difficult field bundling and pulling of large diameter multiple drop cables assemblies up a riser and down a hallway, or installing two segments of connectorized cable in the riser and hallway with the addition of a distribution panel.

The HomeRun solution features OFS’ ultra-bend-insensitive EZ-Bend Fibre, which offers less than 0.1 dB of added loss at 1550 nm for 1 turn at a 5 mm bend radius, and is

compatible with today's installed base of fibres. The use of EZ-Bend fibre assemblies allows for sharp bends and conformal routing to reduce visual impact and fit in the confined spaces typical in many MDUs and residences.

The HomeRun solution is being presented at the FTTH conference in London 20-21 February at OFS' Gold Sponsorship stand, G18, and is generally available now.

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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