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OFS and CBS DEMONSTRATE BLOWN FIBER CABLE TECHNOLOGY

OFS and CBS Products Partner to Provide Last Mile Access Solutions

Shanghai, China December 9, 2002 – OFS, designer, manufacturer and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, and CBS Products, a leading provider of solutions and equipment to installers of power transmission lines and telecom networks, are scheduled to demonstrate the features of their blown fiber cable technology and blowing equipment.

Utilizing OFS' Midia® FX small diameter loose tube cable and CBS' Breeze blowing machine they will demonstrate a cost effective solution for installing cable in the metro route. The Midia FX' cable's low cable weight and diameter are optimal for metro installation with CBS' Breeze blowing equipment. The Breeze equipment is powerful enough to install such small diameter cables up to distances of 2 km, without shredding the outer sheath of the cable or buckling the fibers.

“By installing OFS' Midia FX cable with the Breeze air-blowing machine, we're able to offer our customers last mile access solutions at significantly lower costs than previously available,” explained Francis O'Malley, Managing Director, CBS products. OFS' revolutionary Midia FX optical fiber cable design can be blown into inexpensive duct networks, eliminating invasive and disruptive excavation costs, and expenditures on costly procurement of rights of way. This loose tube cable design is tested against International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and Telcordia standards.

About CBS Products Ltd

From its base in Oakham, England, CBS Products has become a leading provider of solutions and equipment to the installers of power transmission lines and telecom networks around the world.

Over the years, CBS has become the partner of choice in a number of high profile, international fiber optic cable projects, notably in Russia, Malaysia and Zimbabwe.

More recently, the development of a highly innovative line of fiber optic cable blowing machines has proved highly successful both in the UK and export markets. In the UK alone the company beat off all competition in a very demanding trial, enabling CBS to win a highly prestigious contract to become exclusive suppliers of cable blowing equipment to British Telecommunications (BT).

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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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