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OFS LAUNCHES E-COMMERCE CAPABILITIES AT WWW.OFSOPTICS.COM

Over 2000 Optical Apparatus and Premises Cable Products Included!

NFOEC, Booth #4408, Dallas, TX, September 16, 2002 - OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced it has added a highly interactive e-commerce capability to its web site.

The enhanced site features online ordering from a product catalogue with over 2000 products. The wide portfolio includes products from OFS' Optical Apparatus family, such as jumpers, connectors, adapters, attenuators, patch panels, and closures, and from its Premises Cable family, which includes building cable and cordage.

"This is the most extensive optical apparatus and premises cable online catalogue in the industry," said Denise Barnes, Vice President, Optical Connectivity Division, OFS. "It is rich with product information, clear photos and easy to navigate web pages. The best thing of all is the products are instantly available to customers with a push of a button."

OFS' new e-commerce web site also boasts several buying and product configuration aids, as well as an easy-to-understand Q&A so customers can make informed buying decisions and easily install and replace new products into existing technology.

Added Barnes, "OFS is committed to bringing the highest quality technology and product to our customers. This new e-commerce function is no exception."

The new web site allows customers to track order and shipping status online and guarantees a quick turnaround for shipment. It also provides customers with fast and secure access for online purchases and a toll-free number for reaching technical support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Optical Connectivity Division (OCD) of OFS, inventor of the world's leading small form factor optical connector, the LC, provides a complete range of connectivity solutions for

optical networks including the premises environment of both the service provider and local area networks. With over 25 years of continuous innovation in all aspects of product development, OCD is focused on providing optical connectivity products with superior performance, reliability and value to the customer.

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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