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News Release

OFS LICENSES VERRILLON FOR USE OF MODIFIED CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION PROCESS

Avon, CT, January 24, 2005 - OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, announced today that it has licensed Verrillon, Inc. to a patent for certain optical fibers drawn from a preform having a core rod made by a modified chemical vapor deposition (MCVD) process.

This patent is fundamental and dominates the manufacture of a broad area of specialty and other optical fibers made by this process. The MCVD process was originally pioneered by John MacChesney and others at Bell Laboratories. OFS acquired this and many other patents in the optical fiber technology when it was spun off from Lucent Technologies in 2001. Dr. David DiGiovanni, Director of OFS Laboratories said, "This technology is a key tool needed for flexible, cost-effective manufacture of many different specialty optical fibers. Anyone using preforms with cores fabricated by MCVD should necessarily desire to practice the claims of this patent."

Dr. Timothy F. Murray, President of OFS Specialty Photonics Division said, "This technology is part of our tool kit for developing specialty optical fibers for many different applications. Some of our customers' supply chain strategies require them to have dual sources. Licensing this technology allows development of credible alternative sources, which in turn permits OFS to grow more niches and support certain critical market segments. We've invested a lot to develop and market these technologies and value the added market development effort that our licensees provide in these dynamic, incipient markets."

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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