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News Release

COMMSCOPE SELECTS OFS TO SUPPLY NEW ZERO WATER PEAK FIBER

SuperComm, Booth #21636, Atlanta, June 4, 2002 - OFS, designer, manufacturer and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced an initial order from CommScope (NYSE: CTV) to supply full spectrum single-mode optical fiber potentially worth more than 20 million dollars. OFS'AllWave® fiber, a zero water peak fiber solution, will be used in CommScope's cable for the broadband communications market. CommScope will market the new cable under its LightScope ZWP™ brand cable.

LightScope ZWP cable provides the ability to use the previously unusable wavelength range from 1360 nm to 1460 nm known as the Extended Band or "E-band."

The initial order is part of an expected multi-year demand for zero water peak optical fiber for the broadband cable industry, combining the strengths of CommScope, which holds the number one cable supplier position to the broadband cable industry, with the unique fiber design capability and production capacity of OFS.

"With this order, CommScope, a significant OFS customer, demonstrates its continued commitment to us," said Eddie Edwards, President and CEO, OFS. "We are pleased to support CommScope by supplying AllWave, zero water peak, full spectrum single-mode fiber for the broadband communications market, thus enabling CommScope's customers to deliver new services and greater potential revenue growth."

"OFS has led the market in removing the water peak from commercial fiber applications, and we are fortunate to be able to leverage its expertise for the development of LightScope ZWP cable," said Brian D. Garrett, President and Chief Operating Officer of CommScope. "Our goal is to provide expanded bandwidth products with greater value to our customers."

LightScope ZWP cable will provide 30 percent more usable spectrum than conventional single-mode fiber solutions. It will also enable 16-channel CWDM as a lower-cost alternative

to DWDM in unamplified portions of Hybrid Fiber Coaxial (HFC) networks. HFC networks are widely used for the delivery of multi-channel video, voice and data services. The water peak that appears in the vast majority of commercial fibers prevents transmission in the wavelength range extending from 1360 nm to 1460 nm known as the Extended Band or E-band. LightScope ZWP cable will provide superior zero water peak performance in the E-band over the lifetime of the product.

LightScope ZWP cable is expected to be available immediately and will be marketed exclusively by CommScope.

CommScope is the world's largest manufacturer of broadband coaxial cable for Hybrid Fiber Coax (HFC) applications, and a leading supplier of high-performance fiber optic and twisted pair cables for LAN, wireless and other communications applications. Through its relationship with OFS, CommScope has an ownership interest in one of the world's largest producers of optical fiber and cable and access to a broad array of technologically advanced optical fibers. Visit CommScope at www.commscope.com.

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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