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Dear OFS Customer:

With the recent increase in the number of companies making and selling optical fiber and specialty optical fiber over the last few years, we wanted to take a moment to assure you that the OFS erbium-doped fiber market—in the United States, China, and elsewhere—is protected by a substantial portfolio of patents.

Both China and the United States consider protection of intellectual property an important part of conducting business, and they work together as members of the World Trade Organization to honor the international rules of intellectual property rights.

As an OFS customer, you can be confident that all fibers manufactured and sold by OFS and its authorized distributors are legally licensed under our portfolio. If you have any questions about OFS patents or need confirmation that the distributor from whom you are purchasing is selling product licensed by OFS, please contact me.

More About OFS Patents

The patents owned today by OFS reflect technological achievements made over several decades by us at OFS Laboratories and our predecessors, AT&T Bell Laboratories and Lucent Bell Laboratories. These patents cover a wide spectrum of technologies—from fiber fabrication processes to the levels of chemical components that determine the fiber's performance. Additionally, there are specific patents related to erbium-doped fiber with low polarization mode dispersion and erbium-doped fibers with a variety of numerical apertures.

Many of the companies in this market have tended to ignore intellectual property laws and may not be licensed to sell specialty optical fibers. OFS considers our patents to be one of our strengths and mainstays. We have pursued legal action against companies who have infringed on our patents and will continue to sanction those companies who violate the international laws of intellectual property. OFS understands the value of our patents and judiciously protects them as critical business resources.

We appreciate your understanding and your support in purchasing genuine OFS products.

Sincerely,



James J. Moore
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