



Leading Optical Innovations

SPECIALTY PHOTONICS DIVISION

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OFS, Specialty Photonics Division, announces two new executive hires.

OFS, Specialty Photonics Division, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, announces the addition of John Earnhardt as Senior Sales Manager and John Hansson as Business Development Manager. “We saw significant areas to grow our existing customer base and to expand into as-yet untapped markets. Mr. Earnhardt and Mr. Hansson are poised to lead us into the first phase of real market growth since 2001, and we’re excited at being in such a strong position to participate in that,” says Michael R. Fortin, Vice President Marketing and Sales.



John Earnhardt, an MS from the University of Arizona, with also a BS from the University of North Carolina and formerly of C Technologies and Highwood USA, will be heading up our North American sales force and coordinating international distribution activities. “I am excited to join OFS and continue a tradition of providing innovative fiber optic solutions to our customers, helping them to generate success with their customers. I look forward to leading the OFS sales team and providing outstanding customer relations in support of our leading edge products,” says Mr. Earnhardt.



John Hansson, an alumnus in Engineering Physics from the University of Lund in Sweden and an MBA from the University of Dallas comes to us from Schott North America. He is investigating possibilities for new applications of optical fiber in various industries, building on the R&D output of OFS Labs, its Bell Labs heritage, and its multi-faceted IP portfolio. In describing his new mission, Mr. Hansson says, “OFS possesses research expertise, commercial capabilities, and production capacity that don’t exist elsewhere. I’m looking forward to finding the best ways to marry these OFS strengths with the needs of the marketplace.”

“With the continued backing of OFS Labs and the addition of these two key positions, we are more focused than ever before on the future of fiber optics. OFS is an industry and innovation leader. Our customers expect us to find ‘what’s next,’ and we’re not disappointing them,” added Mr. Fortin.

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About OFS

OFS is a designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge optical fiber, optical fiber cable, optical connectivity and specialty photonics products for a wide variety of applications and industries. OFS, formerly the Optical Fiber Solutions division of Lucent Technologies Inc. [NYSE: LU], has a proven track record of being first in the industry with application specific fibers, optical connectors, ribbon cables, erbium doped fibers, Raman fiber lasers and more. OFS is committed to providing customers increased value by offering products that deliver lowest cost per bit network solutions, protecting investments through future flexible solutions.

OFS distributes its optical fiber, optical fiber cable, optical connectivity and specialty photonics products directly to end users, as well as through valued distributors, external cable customers and equipment vendors.

OFS is owned by Furukawa Electric, Co., Ltd. a multi-billion dollar global leader in optical communications. Headquartered in Norcross, GA, OFS operates facilities in Avon, Connecticut; Carrollton, Georgia; Somerset, New Jersey; and Sturbridge, Massachusetts, as well as facilities in Denmark, Germany and Russia. For more information about the Specialty Photonics Division, please visit:

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