



News Release

OFS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF KATSUHIKO MUROTA AS ITS CEO & CHAIRMAN

Norcross, GA, March 6, 2006 – OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, announced the appointment of Katsuhiko (Jack) Murota to the position of CEO & Chairman of OFS. Mr. Murota replaces Mr. Kiyoshi Takeuchi, who is returning to Japan to become CTO of the Furukawa Electric Company (FEC), the parent company of OFS.

Mr. Murota joined Furukawa Electric in April of 1974, after graduating from Osaka University in Japan, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Prior to joining OFS, Mr. Murota served as corporate Vice President of Furukawa Electric. In this position, he directed and managed the promotion of overseas business activities and manufacturing operations in the Telecom Company of FEC. He has also been a member of both the OFS and the OFS Fitel Denmark boards of directors since 2004.

"We are indebted to Mr. Takeuchi for successfully guiding our company with leadership and long-term vision through very critical market conditions," said Mr. Murota. "We wish him the best of luck in his new role at Furukawa Electric," he added. Mr. Murota also noted that he is committed to further expand OFS' leading reputation as one of the most innovative companies in the optical fiber industry and to provide greater value to OFS customers. He has encouraged OFS employees to respond to the improving market opportunities with a positive frame of mind, imaginative and original ideas, and enthusiasm after a difficult period for the industry.

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, 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 in Denmark, Germany and Russia. For more information, please visit www.ofsoptics.com.

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