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OFS LAB DEDICATED AT CLEMSON'S CENTER FOR OPTICAL MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES

Norcross, Georgia, December 3, 2012 - OFS, a leading edge designer, manufacturer and supplier of innovative fiber optic network solutions, today announced the dedication of an OFS laboratory at Clemson University's Center for Optical Materials Science and Engineering Technologies (COMSET).



As recognition for OFS' gift of optical and optoelectronic research equipment and related chemicals, Clemson will be naming one of its COMSET laboratories OFS Laboratories Optics Industry Lab, where fiber optics research will be conducted in the University's Advanced Materials Research Laboratory (AMRL).

“OFS Laboratories is excited to be working with the talent at Clemson’s COMSET labs and contributing to the academic environment that fosters innovation and new researchers in the optical field,” said David DiGiovanni, Chief Technology Officer for OFS.

“COMSET’s Industrial Partners Program recognizes our most generous industrial partners as their investments help sustain our innovation and work-force development activities,” states John Ballato, COMSET director. “We are especially grateful to OFS Laboratories as an inaugural industrial partner and recognize their commitment to our vision through this naming.”

About COMSET/ Clemson University

COMSET, formed in 2000, is an interdisciplinary unit of Clemson’s College of Engineering and Science. The Center provides an organized framework for faculty with common interests to collaborate in developing advanced materials, devices and systems that generate, transmit, manipulate and utilize light. With the science and engineering of light-based technologies approaching a trillion dollar global market, COMSET researchers blend “what-if” basic science with more applied research to develop wide-ranging deliverables including organic LEDs, specialty optical fiber, light-emitting plastics, glasses and crystals. With materials as the technology enabler within all devices and components, Clemson University, through COMSET, is uniquely positioned to support the research, work-force development and outreach needs of the industry.

The OFS Laboratories gift enables COMSET to further its mission as a global leader in innovative teaching and research.

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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