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### **OFS Optics to Employ Photon Kinetics Automated Fiber Handling System**

**Beaverton, Oregon, August 17, 2004** – Photon Kinetics (PK), the preeminent supplier of testing solutions for optical fiber and cable manufacturers, announced today that it has signed an agreement with OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, to deploy PK's 1200 Automated Fiber Handler (AFH) in OFS' Norcross, Georgia fiber production facility. The agreement was reached after the successful completion of a production trial that validated the AFH's ability to significantly reduce overall fiber measurement time and increase operator productivity in OFS' high volume fiber production environment.

The patent-pending 1200 Automated Fiber Handler revolutionizes the fiber testing process by automating the time-consuming process of stripping, cleaning, cleaving and coupling the fiber under test to the pigtail of a test instrument (e.g. an Optical Time Domain Reflectometer (OTDR) or chromatic dispersion measurement system). The automation of these tasks not only reduces overall fiber measurement time, but also frees the test station attendant to perform other tasks that are more difficult and expensive to automate, such as the handling of fiber spools, and the loading of spools onto the AFH's Fiber Shuttle.

"OFS' trial of the Automated Fiber Handler has validated PK's claim that the AFH is able to maximize the productivity of our OTDR and chromatic dispersion test stations. And, it was surprisingly easy to implement on our production floor, requiring virtually no changes to our facilities or product flow," said Bill Hatton, Quality Manager for OFS.

Warren Hill, VP of Sales and Marketing for Photon Kinetics added, "We are very pleased with the results of the AFH production trial. It's always gratifying to see a product deliver its advertised benefits in the "real world". We appreciate OFS's confidence in the AFH. Their involvement in this project has been invaluable and we look forward to working with them in the future on other productivity enhancing products."

### **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 and majority shareholder, and CommScope, Inc., a world leader in broadband coaxial cables and minority shareholder. 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.

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## **About Photon Kinetics**

Founded in 1979, Photon Kinetics is the leading supplier of measurement solutions for the optical fiber, cable and component manufacturing industry. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of optical fiber testing solutions ranging from fiber preform analyzers to characterization systems for critical fiber geometry and transmission parameters. Additionally, Photon Kinetics provides a complete line of products that reduce the overall cost of fiber measurements by facilitating the time-consuming fiber preparation and handling activities that are part of most fiber testing processes.

Photon Kinetics also supplies measurement technology to the manufacturers of optical transmission systems, network monitoring and field test equipment; and it provides industry standard fiber cleaving technology to the manufacturers of high performance fiber optic components and installation/maintenance equipment.

Photon Kinetics' products are sold and supported in over 70 countries.

For more information on Photon Kinetics or any of our products and services, please visit our website at [www.pkinetics.com](http://www.pkinetics.com).

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