# Verrillon Adds Three Members to Its Technical Advisory Board

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*Additional Technical Depth to Verrillon*

**North Grafton, MA**—May 21, 2002 — Verrillon, Inc. announced today that it has increased its Technical Advisory Board membership to six, with the addition of three prominent leaders from the photonics industry. Dr. Ken Hill, Dr. David Stowe and Dr. William LaCourse have joined Verrillon's Technical Advisory Board (TAB), which also includes Dr. David Krohn (Managing Director for Lightwave Venture Consulting LLC), Dr. Theodore Morse (Director of the Laboratory for Lightwave Technology at the Boston University Photonics Center), and Company founder and CTO Dr. Abdel Soufiane.

In making the announcement, Dr. Soufiane noted that the composition of the Technical Advisory Board is a very important process. "We're extremely pleased to add Dr. Hill, Dr. Stowe and Dr. LaCourse to our Technical Advisory Board. As the optical components industry evolves, the wealth of specific experience that these three industry experts bring to our Board will prove invaluable as we refine and extend our product and technology roadmap for specialty optical fiber and fiber-based solutions." As Technical Advisory Board members, Dr. Hill, Dr. Stowe and Dr. LaCourse were chosen for their particular strengths and expertise in various facets of the optical fiber and optical components industry. Collectively, the TAB will assist Verrillon in building its technical strategy for the development of next-generation fibers used in optical components and modules.

Dr. Hill brings deep knowledge of fiber Bragg gratings and photosensitive fiber to Verrillon. His scientific career includes significant contributions in areas such as passive optical fiber devices and photosensitivity in optical fibers. Dr. Hill has received several notable awards over his career. These include a Rank Prize in Optoelectronics (2002); the Tyndall Award from the IEEE Lasers & Electro-Optics Society and the OSA for the discovery of photosensitivity in optical fibers and its application to Bragg gratings (1996); and the Manning Principle Award for the discovery of photosensitivity in optical fibers, and for his pioneering work in optical fiber communications (1995). Dr. Hill is a Fellow and past chairman of the Photonics Division of the Optical Society of America (OSA) and has been granted 10 technical patents, a number of which are licensed worldwide.

Dr. Stowe's background is particularly strong in the area of passives and fused devices. Dr. Stowe has held many high-level R&D and new product development positions in the fiber optics industry. He most recently served as vice president of new product development at FONS, a maker of optical networking components. Prior to FONS, Dr. Stowe was vice president of technology at Thomas and Betts. Dr. Stowe received the IR100 Award in 1985 (for the first commercial single-mode coupler), the R&D100 Award in 1999 (for miniature bend component) and is inventor/co-inventor on 26 U.S. Patents.

Dr. LaCourse has been instrumental in researching optical fiber materials and advanced processes and is Director of the Institute for Glass Science and Engineering. Dr. LaCourse has been involved in many research projects including glass and fiber composition development, glass defects and durability, mechanical properties of glasses, surface modification techniques, and many others. Dr. LaCourse is also associate director of the NFS Center for Glass Research and is co-inventor on six U.S. Patents.

**About Verrillon**

Verrillon develops, manufactures, and markets innovative specialty optical fiber and fiber-based solutions for the Photonics industry. The Company, co-founded in 2000 by industry veterans Dr. Abdel Soufiane and William 'Bill' Beck, was previously known as IntelCore Technologies, Inc. The change to Verrillon, Inc. was made in July 2002 in conjunction with the Company's move to its new headquarters in North Grafton, Massachusetts.

Verrillon's business model focuses on technology innovation and on providing growing component and module manufacturers with rapid product development and flexible, high-volume manufacturing. Verrillon's next-generation specialty optical fiber enables improved component performance, increased manufacturing yields, new network functionality and manufacturing process automation.