

## Verrillon Announces Board of Directors

*Bill Cadogan, former President and CEO of ADC, highlights Board*

**North Grafton, MA**—November 13, 2001 — Dr. Abdel Soufiane, founder, Chief Technical Officer, and Chairman of the Board of Verrillon, Inc., today introduced the full membership of the Company's Board of Directors. Verrillon is a provider of specialty optical fiber and fiber-based solutions for the Photonics Industry. Dr. Soufiane remarked on the wealth of experience and industry knowledge that the Board will bring to the Company: "Verrillon has a talented, experienced Board that is well connected to the fiber optics industry. With industry leaders such as Bill Cadogan providing insight, guidance and leadership, Verrillon will continue to grow and prosper."

Bill Cadogan is the former President and CEO of ADC, a leading global supplier of optical and copper-connectivity systems, broadband access and network equipment, software and integration services. Under his leadership, ADC grew from \$263 million in revenue in 1990 to approximately \$3.2 billion in 2000. Mr. Cadogan is currently a Partner at St. Paul Venture Capital, an investor in Verrillon's second round of financing.

In addition to Dr. Soufiane and Mr. Cadogan, Verrillon's Board of Directors includes Bill Beck, President and CEO of Verrillon; Dr. David Krohn, former General Manager of 3M's Specialty Optical Fiber division; Rick Ganong, Partner at Tudor Ventures Group; James Houghton, Partner at Megunticook Management; and Bryson Hollimon, Managing General Partner and founder of Technology Venture Partners. "Verrillon is well positioned to become the leading supplier of specialty optical fiber to the Photonics industry," said Bill Cadogan. "I feel that the Company's focused strategy, strong management team and new facility, which will be completed in early 2002, clearly differentiate Verrillon from its competitors."

### **Bill Cadogan**

Mr. Cadogan is a Partner at St. Paul Venture Capital. With a primary focus on emerging opportunities in the communications sector, Mr. Cadogan has a particular emphasis on optical technology. In addition to his prior role as President and CEO of ADC, Bill served as General Manager of Business Development at The International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (Intelsat) and spent 15 years with AT&T. Mr. Cadogan holds a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University in Boston and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

### **Dr. Abdel Soufiane**

Dr. Soufiane is the principal founder of Verrillon and serves as the Company's Chief Technical Officer. He has over 13 years of technical experience in the fiber optics industry. Previously, Dr. Soufiane served as the Manager of Advanced Development and Applications Engineering for SpecTran Specialty Optics Company, then a leading supplier of specialty optical fiber acquired by Lucent Technologies in 2000. At SpecTran, Dr. Soufiane directed the development of advanced preforms and fiber products used in the telecommunications marketplace. Prior to working at SpecTran, Dr. Soufiane worked for Full Spectrum Inc. as Director of Materials Development, and for Centre d'Etudes des Materiaux Advances (CEMA), in France, as a Research Scientist developing a new generation of fluoride fibers for mid-infrared applications. Dr. Soufiane is the holder of many patents in the field of advanced materials and optical-related technologies, and received the prestigious R&D 100 Award in 1995. Dr. Soufiane holds a Ph. D. and Masters Degree in Solid State Chemistry from the University of Rennes, France.

### **William 'Bill' Beck**

Mr. Beck is co-founder of Verrillon and serves as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer. He has over 20 years of experience building, developing, and growing companies that specialize in the design and manufacture of specialty optical fiber and related products. Previously, Mr. Beck served as the President of SpecTran Specialty Optics Company. Prior to working at SpecTran, Mr. Beck was President and Chief Operating Officer of Ensign-Bickford Optics Company, and a Senior Manager at GTE Fiber Optic Products. Mr. Beck holds an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BA from Dartmouth College.

**Dr. David A. Krohn**

Dr. Krohn has over 34 years of experience in the fiber optics industry and currently serves as Managing Director for Light Wave Venture Consulting, LLC. Previously, Dr. Krohn worked at 3M Company where he served as General Manager of the Specialty Optical Fiber Business and Global New Business Director for Photonics. Dr. Krohn attended Rutgers University as an undergraduate and holds an MS from Case Western Reserve University and a Ph. D. from Lehigh University.

**Richard J. Ganong**

Mr. Ganong is a Partner with Tudor Ventures Group, the lead investor in Verrillon's B round of financing. Mr. Ganong has been with Tudor since 1993. Prior to joining Tudor, he was an Analyst with Essex Investment Management Company and worked in the Institutional Sales Department of Wood Gundy, Inc. Mr. Ganong holds an MBA degree from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College, as well as a BA degree from Bowdoin College.

**James Houghton**

Mr. Houghton is a Partner at Megunticook Management, Inc. Prior to joining Megunticook, he held several management positions at Corning Incorporated, including International Business Development Manager for the Telecommunications Products Division. In this role, Mr. Houghton was responsible for negotiating optical fiber joint venture agreements and equity investments in Asia. Combining his knowledge of the telecommunications industry with his own entrepreneurial inclinations, Mr. Houghton co-founded Lightship Telecom in 1998, a facilities-based CLEC currently providing bundled telecom solutions to small businesses in New England and the Mid-Atlantic region. Mr. Houghton sits on the boards of several technology companies and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University.

**Bryson D. Hollimon**

Mr. Hollimon is the Managing General Partner and founder of Technology Venture Partners, L.P., a venture capital fund making early to mid-stage investments in the areas of networking, communications and information technology. Prior to forming Technology Venture Partners, he was Senior Managing Director and Director of Investment Banking at Dain Rauscher Wessels, now RBC Dain Rauscher Wessels. Previously, Mr. Hollimon spent ten years as an investment banker, venture capital investor and senior executive with Wessels, Arnold & Henderson, L.L.C., an investment banking firm specializing in technology where he led the firm's efforts in technology, specifically the networking and communications sector. Mr. Hollimon has been a venture capital investor in such technology companies as: Ciena Corporation; Telogy Networks, Inc.; CyberSource; Allaire Corporation; Prominet Corporation; Maker Communications, Inc.; Appian Communications, Inc.; Verrillon Technologies, Inc.; Mapletree Networks, Inc.; Princeton Optronics, Inc. and SentitO Networks, Inc.

**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.