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Verrillon–AOFR Announces Release of AnyMode Multimode Tap Couplers for Multimode Network Monitoring

For the first time, equipment designers, and network managers can transparently monitor traffic and handoffs on their multimode fiber networks regardless of network standards in operation.

Canberra, Australia – March 2, 2006 — AOFR, a leading specialty optical fiber and components manufacturer, announce the release of its AnyMode multimode couplers. The AnyMode couplers offer non-intrusive monitoring of new high-speed networks operating over multimode optical fiber and provide a cost effective solution to monitoring optical traffic and handoffs regardless of the networking standard in operation, representing a considerable increase in transparency over traditional methods.

Typically multimode couplers have a coupling ratio that varies considerably depending on whether the source is an LED or laser (VCSEL). These variations can lead to power budget problems. Because AOFR's AnyMode coupler is independent of the source, the coupling ratio remains stable. The device will maintain a constant coupling ratio regardless of transmitter equipment, allowing transparent monitoring of high-speed, multimode optical fiber networks. AnyMode couplers use standard Corning 50/125µm or 62.5/125µm multimode fibers and are available in a variety of tap ratios and package options.

"Now network and equipment designers have greater flexibility and can monitor the traffic and handoffs on their Gigabit Ethernet, SONET, FDDI, Fiberchannel, and other networking standards that are operating over multimode fiber," said Dr. Peter Jacob, Managing Director at AOFR. "The AnyMode multimode coupler provides significant advantages in systems that use different equipment throughout the network or feeding to and from networks."

Verrillon–AOFR will be exhibiting in Booth #2751 at OFC in Anaheim, March 7-9, 2006.

About AOFR – www.aofr.com

AOFR Pty Limited, a subsidiary of Verrillon Inc., develops, manufactures and markets high performance, fiber-based passive components for the Telecom, Military and Industrial markets. AOFR products, which have been deployed in the global optical components market for over 18 years, exhibit the highest level of performance, quality and reliability.

About Verrillon – www.verrillon.com

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