

Verrillon Acquires 3M Specialty Fiber Assets

To address new specialty fiber and component markets

North Grafton, Mass — January 21, 2005 — Verrillon, Inc. today announced that it has acquired certain business assets of the 3M specialty fiber product line including equipment and exclusive access to certain intellectual property. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

"Verrillon's strategy is to bring complementary technologies to its current portfolio. The addition of these assets and intellectual property will further position Verrillon to be the leading supplier of specialty fiber and optical components, and will strengthen the company's presence in the military and the aerospace markets," said Rick Masloski, Verrillon's President and CEO.

The intellectual property and supporting assets purchased by Verrillon relate to a broad range of specialty optical fiber and component designs including elliptical cladding polarization maintaining fibers, polarizing fibers, advanced fused couplers and various single mode fibers and components.

"Exhibiting both excellent signal attenuation and resistance to adverse bending losses, the optical fiber designs of this acquisition are perfectly aligned with Verrillon's strategy of improving device performance, reducing package size and lowering manufacturing cost" said Dr. Abdel Soufiane, Verrillon's Founder and Chief Technology Officer.

As a result of this acquisition, and upon completion of the technology transfer, Verrillon will introduce to the market a new family of optical fibers and devices expanding both its product offerings and addressed market segments.

3M Company will continue to sell a wide range of fiber optic products, including those based on its proprietary glass-glass-polymer fiber technology and other products to connect, protect and organize fiber in the telecom and enterprise markets. 3M customers include every major telecommunications service provider in the world. For more information about the 3M Communication Markets Division, go to www.3Mtelecommunications.com.

About Verrillon

Verrillon, Inc. (www.verrillon.com) develops, manufactures and markets innovative specialty optical fiber and fiber-based components and modules. The Company is based on a business model that focuses on technology innovation and on providing growing Photonics OEMs 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.

AOFR Pty. Ltd, a subsidiary of Verrillon, Inc. (www.aofr.com) develops, manufactures, and markets high performance, fused fiber components and Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) products for the Telecom, Geophysical, Industrial, and Military markets. AOFR products, which have been deployed in the global optical components market for over 18 years exhibit the highest level of quality and reliability.