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OCC's MARS™ products receive U.S. and NATO National Stock Numbers

Optical Cable Corporation (OCC®) is proud to announce its Modular Advanced Reel System (MARS™) family of cable reels has been issued National Stock Numbers (NSN) from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). US military branches, the US Department of Defense (DoD), federal agencies (such as GSA, FAA, DHS, etc.), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and many foreign governments use NSNs to streamline the provisioning process of standard material items of supply. When added to a product label, the NSN indicates a review and approval for use within the military's logistics supply chain.

OCC's MARS™ cable reels are the industry's first lightweight cable deployment reel system designed specifically for the demanding needs of harsh-environment fiber optic installations. Unlike traditional metal-style reels, MARS is constructed of a lightweight, impact modified polymer that is easily transported and is ideal for applications where cable needs to be deployed and retrieved quickly and stored efficiently. To complement these reels, MARS offers a complete set of accessories such as reel stands, back packs, connector cleaning kits and other products to aid in efficient cable deployment and retrieval. MARS reels are available in a wide range of sizes ranging from 100-meter capacity (based on OCC's standard 5.8mm ground tactical fiber optic cable) to 1,000-meter capacity. They are available in 3 standard colors (olive drab, desert tan and black) and can accommodate square or round axles.

MARS™ reels underwent user evaluation by the U.S. Army Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia in 2012 and earned high praise from evaluators for significant weight reduction and increased ruggedness and durability over standard steel reels. The MARS reels are currently specified on multiple U.S. Army and Marine Corps cable assembly drawings and specifications. With the assignment of NSN's to the MARS

family of reels, U.S. and foreign defense agencies will be able to specify and acquire the specific model of reel or reels required to satisfy their mission requirements.

For additional information on the MARS family of products, please contact an Inside Sales Representative at 800-622-7711, or visit www.occfiber.com.

Company Information

Optical Cable Corporation (OCC®) is a leading manufacturer of a broad range of fiber optic and copper data communications cabling and connectivity solutions primarily for the enterprise market, offering an integrated suite of high quality, warranted products that operate as a system solution or seamlessly integrate with other providers' offerings. OCC's product offerings include designs for uses ranging from commercial, enterprise network, datacenter, residential and campus installations to customized products for specialty applications and harsh environments, including military, industrial, mining, petrochemical and broadcast applications. OCC products include fiber optic and copper cabling, fiber optic and copper connectors, specialty fiber optic and copper connectors, fiber optic and copper patch cords, pre-terminated fiber optic and copper cable assemblies, racks, cabinets, datacom enclosures, fiber optic and copper patch panels, face plates, multi-media boxes, wireless distributed antenna systems, fiber optic reels and accessories and other cable and connectivity management accessories. OCC products are designed to meet the most demanding needs of end-users, delivering a high degree of reliability and outstanding performance characteristics.

OCC® is internationally recognized for pioneering the design and production of fiber optic cables for the most demanding military field applications, as well as fiber optic cables suitable for both indoor and outdoor use, and creating a broad product offering built on the evolution of these fundamental technologies. OCC also is internationally recognized for its role in establishing copper connectivity data communications standards, through its innovative and patented technologies.

Founded in 1983, OCC is headquartered in Roanoke, Virginia with offices, manufacturing and warehouse facilities located in each of Roanoke, Virginia, near Asheville, North Carolina and near Dallas, Texas. OCC primarily manufactures its fiber optic cables at its Roanoke facility which is ISO 9001:2008 registered and MIL-STD-790F certified, its enterprise connectivity products at its Asheville facility which is ISO 9001:2008 registered, and its military and harsh environment connectivity products and systems at its Dallas facility, which is ISO 9001:2008 registered and MIL-STD-790F certified.

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