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Aegis Lightwave Acquires AOFR

Woburn, MA, USA and Symonston, ACT, Australia — March 2, 2009 — Aegis Lightwave, a market leader in [optical monitoring solutions](#) for the fiber-optics communications industry, announced today the acquisition of AOFR Pty Limited, a subsidiary of Arasor International, Ltd. (ASX:ARR) and a leading supplier of [fused fiber couplers](#) for the communications, test equipment, industrial, sensing, military and aerospace markets. AOFR is headquartered in Canberra, Australia and will continue to sell products under its own brand identity.

“AOFR is recognized as a stellar brand of fiber-optic couplers in a broad range of markets,” said Jeffrey Farmer, President and CEO, Aegis Lightwave. “This acquisition will enable Aegis to address new, exciting and fast growing markets. It will also enable both companies to offer a broader range of high quality products and service to our combined set of customers.”

Aegis Lightwave and AOFR will combine their global sales and marketing channels to leverage each company’s strength in their respective key accounts enabling the companies to provide expanded world-class service and products to customers.

“We stand to greatly benefit from the synergies with Aegis and will continue our focus and strong customer relationships within the fiber-optic communications market,” said Peter Jacob, Managing Director, AOFR. “We also expect that the combination of our base technologies and expertise will broaden our product base into the fast growing fiber amplifier and fiber laser market.”

AOFR was established in 1984 to develop and commercialize fiber-optic component technology and has developed and sold fused fiber devices since 1988. During this period, AOFR developed unique and highly automated workstations for manufacturing fused biconic taper (FBT) couplers, wavelength division multiplexers (WDMs), laser combiners and fiber Bragg gratings (FBG). AOFR's superior design and packaging of fused fiber components has made AOFR one of the leading suppliers of high-quality high-reliability fiber-optic components to worldwide markets for over two decades.

About Aegis® Lightwave, Inc.

Aegis Lightwave is a privately held company that builds cost-effective solutions for intelligent optical networks. Aegis Lightwave offers the broadest and most cost-effective selection of optical channel monitors that are specifically designed for reconfigurable optical networks featuring 40 and 100 Gbit/s transmission. The optical channel monitor product line is ideal for original equipment manufacturers looking to achieve the necessary cost targets for embedded DWDM monitoring. Aegis is backed by leading investors and venture capitalists including Vesbridge Partners, Alta Partners,

Technology Venture Partners and Megunticook Management. The company is headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts, USA. More information can be viewed at www.aegislighthouse.com.

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