

NORTHROP GRUMMAN RECOGNISE FIBERCORE LIMITED FOR “RAISING THE BAR IN PERFORMANCE”

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SOUTHAMPTON, UK: 23.09.08: Fibercore Limited has been recognised by Northrop Grumman Corporation Electronic Systems with an award for “Raising the Bar in Performance”. Fibercore Limited is a Strategic Supplier for Northrop Grumman Corporation (NGC) Electronic Systems producing specialty optical fiber in support of several fiber-optic gyro navigation systems.

The award was presented during NGC Electronic Systems’ 2008 supplier conference where the theme was “Raising the Bar in Performance.” This all day event included presentations by key sector leadership responsible for supplier management, supplier awards and a reception for the award recipients. The NGC Electronic Systems Supply Chain Management (SCM) and Mission Assurance (MA) organisations co-hosted the 2008 Supplier Conference and Awards event at the Historical Electronics Museum in Linthicum, Maryland, USA.

The NGCES supply base is an essential component of the success of programs, and Northrop Grumman must have a supply base that it can depend on for consistent high quality, on-time delivery, cost competitiveness, innovation, and continuous improvement of processes and product. The award categories represent the supplier behaviours, attributes or outcomes that Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems value, including: Customer Service, Strategic Contributions, Continuous Improvement, Innovation, Extraordinary Effort, Life Cycle Cost and overall highest contributor, Supplier-of-the-Year.

Fibercore Limited Managing Director Dr Chris Emslie was delighted to receive the award, commenting, “We pride ourselves as being the most technically advanced specialty optical fiber manufacturer in the fiber-gyro sector. Equally importantly we promote a consultative relationship with our clients that provide them with the benefit of our knowledge and experience gained over three decades in the industry. We are very aware that in a niche market, customer focus is the key to success. Fibercore has assisted both Northrop Grumman’s development work and its manufacturing ramp-up by leveraging the quality of our fiber and the depth of our experience addressing the customer’s specific needs. This award will help focus and motivate Fibercore to raise the bar even higher in years to come.”

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The attached Photograph shows (left-right):

Robert Jones (Northrop Grumman Director, Supply Chain Management), Chineta K Davis (Northrop Grumman Sector Vice President and General Manager, Electronic Systems Operations), Ellen Landis (Fibercore Director of Sales, North America), Dr Chris Emslie (Fibercore Managing Director), Douglas A Lawton (Northrop Grumman Vice President, Supply Chain Management), John MacDonald (Northrop Grumman Subcontracts Manager), Elizabeth Iversen (Northrop Grumman Sector Vice President, Mission Assurance).

Notes to Editors:

About Fibercore Limited www.fibercore.com

Fibercore Limited is a UK-based subsidiary of Cisco Systems, Inc., and has no relationship with any similarly named companies in the United States or Europe. Fibercore Limited, Europe's leading specialty optical fiber manufacturer, has been manufacturing and developing specialty optical fibers for the fiber amplifier, fiber optic gyroscope, dense wavelength division multiplexing and fundamental research markets for the past three decades. In 2001 Fibercore Limited was named Britain's leading manufacturing business by Experian Ltd. and was awarded the Queen's Award for Enterprise: International Trade. In 2004, Fibercore was awarded its second Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation and in 2007, it was awarded a further two Queen's Awards in the Sustainable Development and International Trade categories giving it the unique distinction of being the first company to hold a Queen's Award in all three categories simultaneously.

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