



ACON OptoLock® Products Pass Firecomms Interoperability Tests

Cork, Ireland—November 23, 2009—Firecomms is pleased to announce the successful completion of interoperability testing with OptoLock® products from its licensee Advanced Connectek Inc. (ACON) of Taiwan.

"As a result of this testing, Firecomms is very happy to recommend ACON as a trusted supplier of our OptoLock products," says Niall Keegan, Firecomms general manager, Asia Pacific. "Network equipment developers now can approve and source OptoLock from multiple suppliers, broadening the base of supply for this increasingly popular product."

OptoLock, a widely deployed plugless interface for Plastic Optical Fiber (POF), enables a simple to use Fiber Optic link in consumer applications. Ideal for 100 Mb Ethernet applications with stringent quality of service requirements such as IPTV gateways, Set-Top Boxes, Residential Gateways and ONTs (Optical Networking Terminals), OptoLock significantly quickens and simplifies the connection of devices in communications and infotainment networks. The innovative design of OptoLock enables the fiber to be cut and terminated to the exact required length on site, allowing even the most novice consumer to quickly and easily terminate bare optical fiber.

"As a supplier of OptoLock products, ACON is happy to broaden its product category and is looking forward to taking part in the exciting world of POF," says Aaron Tung, Optical Communication Business Unit, ACON.

Firecomms leads the development of devices to drive POF, a low-cost optical alternative to copper cabling. Due to its ease of use, large core tolerances, and low costs, POF is enjoying significant growth in a wide range of applications. Created for consumer, industrial, and automotive applications in which plastic fiber can be used more easily and at lower cost than copper or glass fiber, POF is now used in millions of small area networks, such as those in use in many car models, and is rapidly gaining ground in home network and point-to-point interconnection. According to market research by Information Gatekeepers, the POF market is estimated to be worth over \$1 billion per year by the end of 2009.

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About Firecomms Ltd.

Firecomms, a semiconductor company, develops high-speed optical components that drive IPTV home networks and in-car multimedia entertainment systems. The company's revolutionary OptoLock® technology, licensed worldwide, has created the ability to bring fiber into every home in the world.

Firecomms is headquartered in Cork, Ireland and has facilities in Japan and the USA. Additional information about the company can be found on its web site at www.firecomms.com.

About ACON

Founded in 1986 for the development of advanced products of key technologies in Taiwan, ACON today is rated among the leading manufacturers of I/O connectors and 3C peripheral electronic components. With its talent for masterminding technologies and continually churning out new products, ACON is answering market/customer needs by developing optical components and related state-of-the-art Broad Ion-Beam Deposition technologies.

Additional information about ACON, which is based in Taiwan, is available at www.acon.com.

OptoLock is a registered trademark of Firecomms Ltd.

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