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## **Firecomms partners with Acal BFi to provide optical devices and POF transceivers to European customers**

- Acal BFi now offers Firecomms' pioneering optical devices and plastic optical fibre transceivers to European customers as part of new partnership agreement.
- Firecomms is a leading-edge design and manufacturing company of opto-electronic communication technology.
- All Firecomms' products are subject to intensive quality control and testing procedures, with detailed reliability data developed over time.
- Products ideally suited to industrial, harsh and noisy environments.

*(Cork, Ireland, 13 January 2017)* Firecomms, a world leader in advanced optical interconnects and specialists in Plastic Optic Fibre (POF) technology, is pleased to announce its new partnership with Acal BFi, European leader in advanced technology solutions. Multiple market segments can now access Firecomms' highly efficient RCLED's, RedLink transceivers for POF and connectorless Optolock® transceivers through Acal BFi.

Firecomms skilfully combines state-of-the-art compound and silicon semiconductor technology with inventive small-scale integration for rugged communications on short links and across high-voltage isolation barriers. The company's robust transceivers and receivers feature Firecomm's cutting-edge POF technology making them ideally suited to industrial, harsh and noisy environments and applications.

These lightweight, durable and flexible products are resilient to bending and vibrations for simple field installation, yet offer visible spectrum operation, allowing fast, eye-safe troubleshooting. With low power consumption, Firecomms' products offer reduced maintenance cycle times and best-in-class lifecycle on transceivers and cables.

Firecomms' technology is used and respected in many market segments including power and energy, industrial, transportation, automotive, medical, gaming, military, aeronautical and the consumer market.

Dr. John Lambkin, Firecomms' European Managing Director and Chief Technical Officer says, "We are extremely excited to partner with Acal BFi to bring our innovative products to a European market. Acal BFi is uniquely placed to offer the highest level of technical support for customers from all disciplines. Great customer service and support is a corner stone of the Firecomms' experience and with Acal BFi's expertise, we are confident more customers will be able to access and utilise Firecomms' leading edge technology."

Lee Austin, Business Development Director, Acal BFi, adds, "Acal BFi has always led by bringing pioneering products to market and supporting the development technology. The truly inventive products offered by Firecomms are based on state-of-art research completed by the Firecomms team of respected PhD researchers, all of whom are leading members in their fields. We are hugely excited to offer our customers the latest innovation in the marketplace."

For more information on Firecomms' products, please visit <http://www.firecomms.com/>. For sales inquiries please contact +44 (0) 1189 788 878, [sales-uk@acalbfi.co.uk](mailto:sales-uk@acalbfi.co.uk) or visit <http://www.acalbfi.com/uk/>.

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### **About Firecomms**

Firecomms is a global leader in the provision of fibre optic solutions and optical transceivers, expertly combining state-of-the-art compound and silicon semiconductor technology with inventive small-scale integration. Firecomms pioneered highly efficient RCLEDs, the connectorless Optolock® transceiver, and many other innovative technologies that have transformed our customers' products in multi-discipline market segments of power & energy, industrial, transportation, medical, gaming, mil/aero and consumer.

A global company, Firecomms is jointly headquartered in Cork, Ireland and Tongxiang, China and supported by a global footprint of distribution and logistics teams. In Ireland, R&D is driven by an experienced team of PhD researchers and engineers, while world-class manufacturing is based in China.

Providing discrete devices to full-fledged optical communication solutions at board level, Firecomms brings a wealth of knowledge in optics, semiconductors, light sources and receiver design, enabling customers to implement solutions with standard Firecomms components or custom designed solutions.

### **About Acal BFi**

Acal BFi is a European leader in advanced technology solutions, providing marketing, engineering, design, manufacturing and custom services and the only such supplier with an infrastructure to deliver a broad complementary range of specialist products and bespoke solutions across Europe.

Acal BFi is part of the Acal PLC Group, which has two divisions: Design & Manufacturing and Custom Distribution. The majority of its sales come from products and solutions which are created uniquely for a customer. Acal works across a range of technologies, namely Power & Magnetics; Communications & Sensors; Electromechanical; Imaging & Photonics; and Embedded Computers & Displays.

Acal operates through the following wholly-owned businesses: Acal BFi, Contour, Flux, Foss, Hectronic, MTC, Myrra, Noratel, Plitron, RSG, Stortech and Vertec. It has operating companies and manufacturing facilities in a number of markets, including the UK, Germany, France, the Nordic region, Benelux, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Spain, as well as in Asia (China, India, Sri Lanka, South Korea and Thailand), the US, Canada and South Africa.

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