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### **Experior Photonics adds approval for GR-3120 Hardened Fiber Optic Connector Testing to its Verizon ITL FOC Certification**

**January 07, 2009 Newbury Park, California** – Experior Photonics, Inc. has been officially approved for testing Hardened Fiber Optic Connectors and Cable Assemblies to Telcordia GR-3120-CORE by Verizon under the Fiber Optic Components (FOC) Certification program. Following onsite audit and thorough documentation review Verizon approved Experior Photonics' test setups, procedures, and personnel as suitable to execute testing of Hardened Fiber Optic Connectors at its Newbury Park testing facility. Experior Photonics is a member of the Verizon FOC ITL program and authorized to witness / conduct qualification tests at its own Newbury Park testing laboratory or at the vendor's facilities. With the new approval Experior Photonics is underlining its role as the primary third party independent testing facility in North America for the qualification of fiber optic components for both telecom and military / harsh environments applications.

#### **FOC Certification**

Verizon requires that FOC equipment destined for Verizon telecommunications networks be tested for compliance to established FOC requirements to help ensure the satisfactory operation, optical performance and reliability of installed fiber optic components. Experior Photonics has received approval under the Verizon FOC Certification program to perform testing in accordance with the following requirements: GR-326-CORE, GR-1221-CORE, GR-1209-CORE, GR-1081-CORE, and GR-3120-CORE.

#### **The ITL program**

Enacted by Verizon in 2001 the ITL FOC program was created to expedite product-to-market cycles for its equipment vendors, and to provide them with more economical compliance testing processes. Experior Photonics' extensive experience in testing fiber optic components and knowledge of industry standards and testing processes adds significant value and expertise to the program. Experior Photonics issues critical acceptance reports to Verizon for all fiber optic components tested and found to meet minimum certification requirements enacted under the FOC Program.

#### **About Experior Photonics**

Headquartered in Newbury Park, Calif., Experior Photonics specializes in test services for fiber optics including qualification / design verification testing and calibration services for manufacturers, integrators and end-users. Services cover a wide range of fiber optic applications, e.g. telecom, datacom, military, aerospace, and industrial markets. Test services include Bellcore / Telcordia, MIL-STD, TIA/EIA, IEC, EN and other industry/standards based testing. Today, Experior Photonics is the only commercial testing services laboratory focusing solely on fiber optic component testing.

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