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### **Experior Photonics now approved by Verizon under the ITL FOC Certification Program**

**September 2006 Newbury Park, California** – Experior Photonics, Inc. has been officially accepted into Verizon's Fiber Optic Components (FOC) Certification program. Experior Photonics was recently selected to be a Verizon-certified Independent Testing Laboratory (ITL), authorized to witness / conduct qualification tests at its own laboratory or at the vendor's facilities. Experior Photonics has been approved to conduct testing at its Newbury Park, CA laboratory for fiber optic components (FOC) destined for Verizon telecommunications networks.

#### **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 initially to perform testing in accordance with the following requirements: GR-326-CORE, GR-1221-CORE, and GR-1209-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 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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