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Photon Kinetics announces new multimode configurations for its industry leading 8000 Production and Laboratory OTDR.

Beaverton, Oregon, February 13, 2003 – Photon Kinetics announced today that it has released two new configuration families for its industry leading 8000 OTDR, the only OTDR designed specifically for the optical fiber and cable manufacturing test application. The first of these families, the 88000, offers several high performance multimode OTDR configurations that enable fiber and cable manufacturers to significantly reduce measurement time and improve product quality. The second configuration family, the “dual-mode” 86000/88000, combines the measurement capabilities of the 88000 with those of the previously released 86000 to deliver both high performance, single-mode and multimode measurement capability in a single instrument platform.

“These new configurations for the 8000 OTDR provide unparalleled measurement performance for multimode fibers at a time when these fibers are experiencing a resurgence of popularity due to the publication of the IEEE Gigabit Ethernet and 10 Gigabit Ethernet networking standards,” said Warren Hill, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Photon Kinetics. “And our new 86000/88000 dual-mode configurations provide cable manufacturers with a cost effective, multi-purpose solution that gives them both measurement performance and deployment flexibility.”

With the addition of the new 88000 multimode and 86000/88000 dual-mode configuration families to the existing single-mode 86000 (cable) and 87000 (fiber) families, the 8000 OTDR product line now offers application-optimized solutions for virtually every fiber and cable production test application. Custom solutions for nonstandard test applications in fiber and cable research, development or production may be available as special products.

About Photon Kinetics

Founded in 1979, Photon Kinetics (formerly the OPL division of NetTest) is a leading supplier of measurement solutions for the optical fiber, cable and component manufacturing industry. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of optical fiber testing solutions ranging from fiber preform analyzers to characterization systems for critical fiber geometry and transmission parameters. It also provides a complete line of tools and automated systems that reduce the cost of the optical fiber preparation and alignment activities that are part of virtually every test process. These tools include both single and multiple fiber aligners as well as fully automated fiber preparation and alignment systems. Photon Kinetics products are sold and supported in over 70 countries.

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