

## Clearfield Telcordia Certified for Major Service Provider Market Applications

GR-326 Telcordia testing affirms manufacturing quality standards meet stringent industry requirements

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- <u>Clearfield, Inc</u>. (NASDAQ:CLFD), the specialist in fiber management for communication service providers, today announced that its fiber termination process used to manufacture Clearfield LC/UPC 900 μm 1.6 mm and 2.0 mm jumpers and fiber assemblies have been tested by an independent test lab compliant to the Telcordia, GR-326-Core requirements. With the Telcordia GR-326 achievement, Clearfield now provides maximum assurance for the Tier 1 telecommunications market that requires the highest standards for manufacturing processes, procedures and quality components.

As major service providers seek to provide higher density in their networks with a smaller form factor connector, many opt to use LC/UPC jumpers and fiber assemblies in an Outside Plant (OSP) environment. The Clearfield LC/UPC connectors surpassed rigorous testing to meet a myriad of environmental, handling, use and mechanical functions to survive the stresses in the OSP environment.

"Successfully securing the certifications required to meet the needs of national carriers and cable operators is a sign that our strategy and execution is working," said Cheri Beranek, Clearfield president and CEO. "It is yet another sign that we are well-positioned to build the infrastructure needed for Internet of Things device connectivity, 5G and our fiber-driven future."

## About Clearfield, Inc.

Clearfield, Inc. (NASDAQ: CLFD) designs, manufactures and distributes fiber optic management, protection and delivery products for communications networks. Our "fiber to the anywhere" platform serves the unique requirements of leading incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECS), competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs), Wireless operators, and MSO/cable TV companies, while also catering to the broadband needs of the utility/municipality, enterprise, data center and military markets. Headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, Clearfield deploys more than a million fiber ports each year. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.SeeClearfield.com">www.SeeClearfield.com</a>.

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