

## Westell Releases First Products in a New Family of Fiber Access Solutions that Simplify and Speed Deployment of New Services

AURORA, III., July 31, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Westell Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:WSTL), a leading provider of high-performance network infrastructure solutions, today announced that its Communication Network Solutions (CNS) business unit is developing new fiber access solutions designed to help network operators economically and quickly deliver new wireline and wireless services.

"To meet the ever-increasing bandwidth required for delivering quality broadband and future 5G wireless connectivity, our customers need to greatly expand fiber optic connectivity closer to the network edge," said Stephen John, Westell's President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are developing a suite of access solutions designed to simplify and speed fiber deployment in central office, outside plant, and customer premises environments. The common denominator is to enable network densification, technology coexistence, and the convergence of data centers within central offices so that operators can efficiently deploy high-quality, higher-speed connections."

"The solutions we are developing include fiber management and connectivity devices, and specialized termination assemblies, to accommodate ruggedized, low-profile optical fiber cabling at the edge of the network," said George Wakileh, Westell's Vice President of Global Business Development and M&A. "These solutions enable scalability across multiple deployment scenarios in both green-field and brown-field applications while lowering deployment costs and reducing service turn-up time."

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