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ADVA OPTICAL NETWORKING JOINS DARK FIBER COMMUNITY

*Online community created by Allied Fiber enables
optical networking growth and expansion*

Norcross, Georgia, USA and Martinsried/Munich, Germany. February 8, 2011. [ADVA Optical Networking](#) today announced that it has joined the [Dark Fiber Community](#), an online resource for the network operators that build efficient broadband networks and the vendors that support them. Operated by [Allied Fiber](#), the Dark Fiber Community was designed as a networking and educational platform for organizations that support communications network growth and development.

Allied Fiber created the Dark Fiber Community in response to the rising demands for its dark-fiber products and services. The Dark Fiber Community is a knowledge portal for the industry, providing data and industry information that is freely accessible to all. Since launching less than a year ago, the Dark Fiber Community has enjoyed widespread success, now counting 60 members that include equipment vendors, infrastructure builders, financing companies and industry associations.

"We are proud to be a member of the Dark Fiber Community," stated Brian Savory, director of business development at ADVA Optical Networking. "Allied Fiber has created a valuable resource for the community that makes it easy to do business and to stay active and visible as a key participant in the optical networking industry."

The Dark Fiber Community provides information and contact details for industry-leading vendors, as well as the opportunity to plan one-on-one meetings with those suppliers anywhere in the world. This enhances business opportunities for both network operators and vendors alike.

"ADVA Optical Networking was one of the founding members of the Dark Fiber Community," explained Hunter Newby, CEO of Allied Fiber. "I am excited to see the Community growing so rapidly and to know that this online resource is helping the entire communications ecosystem deliver high-performance broadband networks across the country."

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ABOUT ADVA OPTICAL NETWORKING

ADVA Optical Networking (FSE: ADV) is a global provider of intelligent telecommunications infrastructure solutions. With software-automated Optical+Ethernet transmission technology, the Company builds the foundation for high-speed, next-generation networks. The Company's FSP product family adds scalability and intelligence to customers' networks while removing complexity and cost. With a flexible and fast-moving organization, ADVA Optical Networking forges close partnerships with its customers to meet the growing demand for data, storage, voice and video services. Thanks to reliable performance for more than 15 years, the Company has become a trusted partner for more than 250 carriers and 10,000 enterprises across the globe. For more information, please visit us at www.advaoptical.com.



ABOUT ALLIED FIBER

Allied Fiber was created to address America's need to eliminate obstacles for broadband access, wireless backhaul and lower latency through new, next generation long haul dark fiber and an open access philosophy. The Allied Fiber team is comprised of experts in the fields of communications, network construction and finance. They are dedicated to building and providing access to an abundant supply of dark fiber in areas where it is most needed. The first phase of new duct and fiber construction will be between New York, NY, Ashburn, VA and Chicago, IL. For more information, please visit www.alliedfiber.com.

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