

News from ExceLight Communications

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ExceLight Communications Promotes Ed Wilson to General Manager

Durham, NC—Edward R. Wilson has been promoted to the position of General Manager, Sales and Operations for ExceLight Communications Inc., a subsidiary of Sumitomo Electric Industries (SEI). In his new capacity, Mr. Wilson will continue to lead the sales team and also manage the customer service, planning, logistics, and general company day-to-day operations.

“Ed has done an excellent job improving our position in the industry. By consolidating these two crucial functions of sales and operations under Ed, we should be able to provide a better coordinated service to our customers,” said Dr. Mike Nishiguchi, President of ExceLight Communications

Mr. Wilson has held various positions with ExceLight and previously with Sumitomo Electric Lightwave as a Regional Sales Manager, Strategic Account Manager and, most recently, as the Director of Sales for ExceLight. Before joining Sumitomo and ExceLight, Mr. Wilson held various positions with United Technologies, Marshall Industries, and NEC/CEL. Wilson is a graduate of Castleton State College with degrees in business and communications.

Mr. Wilson has 20 years of sales and sales management experience with a strong background in fiber optics.

About ExceLight Communications

ExceLight Communications, Inc., a subsidiary of Sumitomo Electric Industries, is a leading provider of optical components and modules to the telecom, CATV, broadband, and data communications markets. ExceLight offers a comprehensive array of transceivers, transmitters, receivers, lasers, photodiodes, and passive components. Sumitomo's world-class research and manufacturing capabilities in optical technology continue to expand and strengthen the product portfolio while maintaining industry-leading levels of reliability. The well-established global presence of Sumitomo allows us to provide integrated support to customer facilities throughout the world. www.ExceLight.com

About Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.

Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. (SEI) designs, manufactures and sells optical fiber, cable and components, advanced electronic devices, and automotive parts. Through a successful strategy of research and diversification, SEI has become one of the world's leading companies at the forefront of the revolution in information and communications. The company has operations around the world in more than 25 countries and employs 107,000 people. SEI reported group net sales of \$16.7 billion for the year ended March 2005. www.sei.co.jp