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## CommScope Files Patent Infringement Suit Against Clearfield

HICKORY, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- CommScope, a global leader in infrastructure solutions for communications networks, has filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Clearfield, Inc., a fiber optic manufacturer based in the Minneapolis area.

The complaint asserts 13 patents relating to CommScope fiber-to-the-X (FTTx) innovations against Clearfield's FieldSmart® PON Cabinets, WaveSmart® Ruggedized Splitters, FieldShield® Deployment Reel System, SmartRoute® Panel, FieldShield® Multiport SmartTerminal and FieldShield® Hardened Connectors.

"CommScope invests heavily in fiber optic innovation to benefit its customers and reinforce its position as a global leader in wireless and wireline network infrastructure," said Jaxon Lang, senior vice president and Connectivity Solutions segment leader, CommScope. "As such, we vigorously protect these valuable assets, and this action against Clearfield is a necessary step to prevent unauthorized infringement.

"Consumer and business demand for more bandwidth and higher speeds is driving an intense need for innovations that enable fast, efficient, and more cost-effective deployments of fiber-to-the-home (FTTH), fiber-to-the-building (FTTB), and other fiber network nodes. Through continuous and significant R&D investment, CommScope has built a deep and extensive portfolio of issued patents related to a wide range of FTTx solutions that simplify fiber network installation, maintenance and management from the central office or head end to the home, business, or other node in the fiber network."

The action and complaint can be found at CommScope Technologies LLC v. Clearfield, Inc., Case No. 17-cv-00307 (D. Minn., Jan. 2017). The asserted CommScope patents include U.S. Patent Nos. 7,233,731; 8,811,791; 7,198,409; 7,809,233; 9,201,206; 7,809,234; 7,816,602; 8,263,861; 8,705,929; 8,938,147; RE42,258; 7,397,997 and 9,122,021.

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