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EXFO launches OSA designed for network equipment manufacturers

QUEBEC CITY, March 16, 2017 /PRNewswire/ - EXFO Inc. (NASDAQ: EXFO, TSX: EXF), the global network test, data and analytics experts, today announced the launch of the FTBx-5245 Series of optical spectrum analyzers (OSAs) dedicated to R&D labs and manufacturing. Faced with today's unprecedented transformation challenges, network equipment manufacturers (NEMs) have to innovate faster while managing costs and remaining agile to scale up production. Its versatile form factor maximizes return on investment for NEMs.

The FTBx-5245 OSA delivers a full range of spectral analysis from laser and TOSAs to transmitters and full optical systems. It supports critical measurements in labs and manufacturing such as side mode suppression ratio (SMSR), central wavelength, full width half max spectral width. In addition, it offers a complete suite of modes specific to lab and manufacturing applications, such as sources testing (DFB and Fabry-Perot), long-term source characterization (drift mode), EDFA analysis and spectral transmittance analysis.

"This OSA brings high performance in spectral testing for NEMs developing CWDM/DWDM technologies and network components," said Stéphane Chabot, Vice-President, Test and Measurement. "Its versatility to carry out a diversity of measurements maximizes return on investment for NEMs."

This OSA for CWDM/DWDM network analysis is housed in the highly scalable LTB-8 platform, which offers the industry's best 100G port density to maximize valuable shelf space while minimizing costs. The eight-slot configuration of the LTB-8 can simultaneously support as many as eight 100G modules for multiple interface test combinations. LTB-8 can therefore house the new FTBx-5245 OSA, optical power meters, variable optical attenuators, switches and the FTBx-88200NGE multiservice transport module. This wide combination of lab modules delivers unmatched test orchestration capabilities through a full suite of lab testing features developed for system design, development and deployment testing.

For more information, please visit EXFO's booth #2725 at OFC in Los Angeles, March 21-23, 2017 or visit EXFO.com.

About EXFO
EXFO develops smarter network test, data and analytics solutions for the world's leading communications service providers, network equipment manufacturers and web-scale companies. Since 1985, we've worked side by side with our clients in the lab, field, data center, boardroom and beyond to pioneer essential technology and methods for each phase of the network lifecycle. Our portfolio of test orchestration and real-time 3D analytics solutions turn complex into simple and deliver business-critical insights from the network, service and subscriber dimensions. Most importantly, we help our clients flourish in a rapidly transforming industry where "good enough" testing and data analytics just isn't good enough anymore—it never was for us, anyway. For more information, visit EXFO.com and follow us on the EXFO Blog.

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