

## **EMCORE Corporation Acquires Force, Inc.**

SOMERSET, New Jersey, December 19, 2005 – EMCORE Corporation (NASDAQ: EMKR), a leading provider of compound semiconductor-based components and subsystems for the broadband, fiber optic, satellite, and wireless communications markets, today announced that it has acquired privately-held Force, Inc. of Christiansburg, VA, including its fiber optic transport and video broadcast products, technologies, and intellectual property. The mostly stock-for-assets transaction closed on Sunday, December 18, 2005, and will be immediately accretive to shareholders. Financial terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. EMCORE management anticipates that this transaction will provide approximately \$6 million of revenue for calendar year 2006, and upon integration will be operationally profitable.

EMCORE anticipates continuing production operations in Virginia for a six-month transition period, during which time manufacturing will be consolidated at EMCORE's existing production locations. The engineering design team will be relocated to a new design center in the Christiansburg, VA area.

Founded in 1978, Force specializes in the design, manufacture, and marketing of advanced fiber optic-based signal transport equipment for a wide range of applications including:

- Broadcast: Multi-format digital, IP and baseband video signal aggregation, processing, and transport
- Satellite Communications: Downlinks and uplinks for direct broadcast, cable TV distribution, and satellite teleports
- Private Video Networks: Intra-studio, studio-to-studio, studio-to-transmitter, and studio-to-headend signal transport
- Cable TV: High-definition television digital and broadband analog signal transport

"As the triple play (video, voice and data) to the home and mobile devices becomes the market driver for advanced communications infrastructure, demand for video edge aggregation and fiber optic transport in Internet protocol (IP), hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC), FTTx, and wireless networks is increasing dramatically. We are particularly excited by the technology and platform solutions provided by Force to aggregate, process and transport digital and analog video signals to IP, HFC, FTTx and wireless networks. This acquisition enables EMCORE to enter an emerging growth area of video transport infrastructure build out," said Dr. Hong Hou, Vice President and General Manager of EMCORE's Ortel division. "With the addition of Force's satellite communications and cable TV technology and products to our industry-leading portfolio, EMCORE is able to provide customers with a comprehensive suite of technical and product solutions."

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We are excited to join EMCORE, where Force's experience in video broadcasting further enhances one of EMCORE's core competencies. Our product lines, product technology, and market positioning will be accelerated under EMCORE's industry-leading Ortel brand," said [Victor Gonzalez](#), CEO of Force, Inc.

EMCORE Corporation offers a broad portfolio of compound semiconductor-based components and subsystems for the broadband, fiber optic, satellite, and wireless communications markets. EMCORE has three operating segments: Fiber Optics, Photovoltaics, and Electronic Materials and Devices. The company's integrated solutions philosophy embodies state-of-the-art technology, material science expertise, and a shared vision of our customer's goals and objectives to be leaders in the transport of voice, data, and video over copper, hybrid fiber/coax (HFC), fiber, satellite, and wireless networks. EMCORE's solutions include: optical components and subsystems for fiber-to-the-premise, cable television, and high speed data and telecommunications networks; solar cells, solar panels, and fiber optic ground station links for global satellite communications; and electronic materials for high bandwidth wireless communications systems, such as Wi-Fi Internet access and cell phones. Through its joint venture participation in GELcore, LLC, EMCORE plays a vital role in developing and commercializing next-generation high-brightness LED technology for use in the general and specialty illumination markets. For further information about EMCORE, visit <http://www.emcore.com>.

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