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## **Ortel Names the Canadian Photonics Fabrication Centre Supplier of the Year for Innovation and Excellence**

Monrovia, CA Mar. 17, 2026 - [Ortel](#), a Photonics Foundries enterprise, today named the [Canadian Photonics Fabrication Centre](#) (CPFC) as its 2025 Supplier of the Year celebrating a partnership defined by creativity and innovation, operational excellence, and a shared commitment to delivering novel, exceptionally reliable, high performance optical semiconductor devices to the marketplace.

The CPFC, part of the National Research Council of Canada, is the leading North American pure-play III-V semiconductor wafer foundry. Over this past year, Ortel and the CPFC have collaborated on a series of product transfers, research and development experiments and new device programs, spanning design, wafer growth, processing, analysis and characterization of finished devices. The CPFC's state-of-the-art facility operated by their world-class scientists and engineers leverage deep experience, sophisticated tools and advanced process technology to help Ortel's customers achieve the pinnacles of application performance.

"The CPFC's commitment to innovation and continuous improvement — backed by an exceptional team, gives us reliable access to the top-tier foundry products and services our global customers depend on," said Grant Olecko, Vice President of Product Line Management at Ortel. "Our industry leading chip scientists consistently point to the CPFC's process engineering excellence and technology as the best in the industry, enabling us to fine-tune our laser designs to meet our customers' most demanding specifications."

"This partnership has brought together the distinct strengths of both organizations to create meaningful value," said Velko Tzolov, Director General, CPFC. "We look forward to continuing our collaboration to advance innovative technologies that deliver substantial improvements for our customers."

The CPFC hosts a comprehensive toolset for commercial production of photonic chips including custom epitaxy growth services. Since 2004, the CPFC's expertise in the fabrication of semiconductor lasers, optical amplifiers, high speed modulators, micro-LEDs, and GaN RF ICs has enabled partners and clients to bring highly innovative technologies to market.

## **About Ortel**

*For decades, Ortel has been a clear market leader in providing best-in-class optical and RF performance technologies to a wide range of industries. Our team continues to be on the leading edge of innovation in the areas of predistortion, linearity and bandwidth. Ortel offers products in wireless, sensing, satellite communication, broadband and more. For more information visit <http://www.ortel.com>.*

## **About Photonics Foundries, Inc.**

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