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Someone suggested I send this on to you, just so you know :

- E-tek and kaifa, leading suppliers of photonic couplers, splitters, fiber components ...etc, will no longer be taking orders from NRAO. The former has too much backorder, the latter will no longer serve clients who are spending less than \$2mil annually.

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and indicating the problem is widespread: (from the newsgroup sci.optics.fiber):

David Moodie wrote:

> I'm interested in recommendations for suppliers/distributors who can supply  
> bandpass filters in low (5-10off) quantities.  
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> Our specifications are fairly flexible, we are looking for 10-20nm bandwidth  
> centred around 1550nm.  
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> We have previously sourced these items from Kaifa and Dicon, and also been  
> in touch with JDS and a couple of other possible suppliers, however with  
> recent acquisitions, etc all of these companies now have pretty much the  
> same attitude and it is impossible to get anything unless you wish to take a  
> minimum quantity of 50.  
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> So while we are familiar with most manufacturers of suitable filters we can  
> no longer find anyone prepared to deal in small quantities and any  
> suggestions would be appreciated.  
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> regards  
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> David

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