

Ad Hoc Announcement

RSTI: Strong Sales, Net Income and Order Intake on Record Highs

Plymouth, MI / Hamburg, Germany, February 12, 2004 - Rofin-Sinar Technologies Inc. (NASDAQ: RSTI), one of the world's leading developers and manufacturers of high-performance laser beam sources and laser-based solutions, today announced results for its first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2003.

Net sales totaled \$71.1 million for the first quarter ended December 31, 2003, a 22% increase over the comparable quarter in fiscal 2003. Gross profit totaled \$27.8 million compared to \$22.4 million in the same period of fiscal year 2003, remaining at 39% of net sales. Net income amounted to \$5.2 million, or 7% of net sales, compared to \$3.5 million, or 6%, of net sales in the same period last fiscal year. Diluted earnings per share were \$0.41 for the quarter based upon the weighted average of 12.5 million common shares outstanding.

SG&A increased by \$2.1 million to \$14.0 million, representing 20% of net sales. Net R&D expenses increased by \$1.1 million to \$5.0 million, accounting for 7% of net sales.

Sales of lasers for marking and micro applications increased by 30% to \$35.0 million, as a consequence of a recovery in the semiconductor and electronics business, representing 49% of total revenues. Sales of laser products used for macro applications increased by 16% to \$36.1 million, accounting for 51% of total sales.

Net sales in North America amounted to \$14.2 million, an increase of 18%. In Europe/Asia, net sales increased by 23% to \$56.9 million.

Order entry in the quarter reached a record high of \$72.0 million, leading to an order backlog of \$59.9 million as of December 31, 2003.

Given the record high in order intake and the continuing positive trend in the semiconductor and electronics industry, the Company is looking confidently towards the future.

The full text press release and further information including comprehensive financial data is available online at www.rofin.com – Investor Relations – Press Releases.