



ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES

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### ROFIN-SINAR REPORTS RESULTS FOR SECOND QUARTER FISCAL 2002

**Plymouth, MI / Hamburg, Germany, May 7, 2002** – 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 second fiscal quarter and six months ended March 31, 2002.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended			Six months ended		
	<u>03/31/02</u>	<u>03/31/01</u>	% Change	<u>03/31/02</u>	<u>03/31/01</u>	% Change
Net sales	\$53,430	\$58,255	- 8 %	\$102,169	\$112,076	- 9 %
Net income	\$1,101	\$3,091	- 64 %	\$1,378	\$6,124	- 77 %
Earnings per share "Diluted" basis	\$0.10	\$0.27		\$0.12	\$0.53	

*The diluted earnings per share calculation is based on the weighted-average shares outstanding and the potential dilution from common stock equivalents (stock options) for each period presented, which was 11.6 million for each of the fiscal quarters ending March 31, 2002 and 2001, and 11.6 million for each of the six month periods ending March 31, 2002 and 2001.*

Dr. Peter Wirth, Chairman and CEO, commented, "I am pleased with the results, which stem from record sales in our macro business, which focuses on high power lasers mainly used for cutting and welding applications in the machine tool and automotive industry. Thereby we were able to compensate in part for the still weak marking sales to the semiconductor and electronics industry. Whereas order intake for micro and marking lasers is still around 20% below last years average, we are pleased that orders in our macro business increased by 16% from the previous quarter."

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Second Quarter

For the second quarter ended March 31, 2002, net sales totaled \$53.4 million, 8.3% below the comparable period in 2001, which was a record quarter in the Company's history, but 9.6% above the previous quarter in the current fiscal year. Gross profit amounted to 37.7% of net sales compared to 39.5% in the second quarter fiscal 2001, mainly due to a higher portion of laser sales for macro applications and less service and spare parts revenues. Net income amounted to \$1.1 million, or 2.1% of net sales, compared to \$3.1 million or 5.3% of net sales, in the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$0.10 for the quarter.

Compared to the second quarter ending March 31, 2001, net sales of laser products for macro applications increased by 22.4% to \$31.0 million, while net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications decreased by 31.9% to \$22.4 million.

R&D net spending amounted to \$3.1 million.

### Six Months

For the six months ended March 31, 2002, net sales totaled \$102.2 million, a decrease of 8.8% over the comparable period in 2001. Gross profit for the period was \$37.9 million, \$6.1 million lower than in 2001. Net income for the six month period ended March 31, 2002 totaled \$1.4 million, with earnings per share of \$0.12 on a diluted basis.

Net sales of lasers for macro applications increased by \$6.6 million or 13.1% to \$57.4 million, while net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications decreased by 27.0% to \$44.8 million in the comparable period.

On a geographical basis, net sales in North America in the first six months showed an increase of 44.0% and totaled \$29.2 million (2001: \$20.3 million). In Europe/Asia, net sales decreased by 20.5% to \$72.9 million (2001: \$91.8 million).

Order entry for the second quarter was \$49.7 million. This resulted in an order backlog on March 31, 2002 of \$51.9 million, about \$3.7 million or 6.7% lower than in the previous quarter.

## OUTLOOK

"We believe that our macro business will continue at the current level in the months to come and are optimistic concerning the growth potential of our micro business. Our marking business will remain affected by the weak semiconductor and electronics market in the near-term. Despite ongoing difficult global conditions, we expect a solid quarter with positive results, attributable to our backlog at the end of the second quarter", commented Dr. Peter Wirth.

With operational headquarters in Plymouth, Michigan, and Hamburg, Germany, Rofin-Sinar Technologies, Inc. designs, develops, engineers and manufactures laser sources and laser-based system solutions for a wide range of applications. With production facilities in the US, Germany, UK, Singapore and Japan, Rofin-Sinar is one of the world's leading designers and manufacturers of industrial lasers and currently has more than 15,000 laser units installed worldwide and serves more than 2,500 customers. Rofin-Sinar's shares trade on the NASDAQ National Market System under the symbol RSTI and are listed on the German "Neuer Markt" under the German Securities Identification Number 902757. Additional information is available on Rofin-Sinar's home page: <http://www.rofin.com>.

A conference call is scheduled for 11:00 AM EST, today, Tuesday, May 7, 2002. This call is also being broadcast live over the internet in listen-only mode. For live webcasting, go to <http://www.rofin.com> at least 10 minutes prior to the call in order to download and install any necessary software. (For more information, please contact Abbas Qasim at 212-889-4350 or Belinda Bishop at +44(0)207 936 0400)

(Tables to follow)

**ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS**

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months Ended (unaudited)		Six months Ended (unaudited)	
	<u>3/31/02</u>	<u>3/31/01</u>	<u>3/31/02</u>	<u>3/31/01</u>
- Cutting/Welding	\$31,017	\$25,344	\$57,369	\$50,739
- Marking/Micro	22,413	32,911	44,800	61,337
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>53,430</b>	<b>58,255</b>	<b>102,169</b>	<b>112,076</b>
Costs of goods sold	<u>33,297</u>	<u>35,221</u>	<u>64,229</u>	<u>68,037</u>
Gross profit	20,133	23,034	37,940	44,039
Selling, general and administrative expenses	11,433	10,297	22,063	19,774
Goodwill amortization	896	911	1,817	1,801
Research and development expenses	<u>3,086</u>	<u>3,966</u>	<u>6,236</u>	<u>7,685</u>
Income from operations	4,718	7,860	7,824	14,779
Other expenses (income)	<u>1,470</u>	<u>1,442</u>	<u>2,656</u>	<u>2,006</u>
Income before income tax	3,248	6,418	5,168	12,773
Income tax expense	2,147	3,327	3,790	6,649
Net income	<u>1,101</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>1,378</u>	<u>6,124</u>
Net income per common share "diluted" basis	\$0.10	\$0.27	\$0.12	\$0.53

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**ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(dollars in thousands)

	(unaudited) At <u>03/31/02</u>	(audited) At <u>9/30/01</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$14,922	\$13,487
Trade accounts receivable, net	51,951	55,412
Inventories net	68,527	70,328
Other current assets	<u>10,160</u>	<u>8,870</u>
Total current assets	<u>145,560</u>	<u>148,097</u>
Property and equipment, net	22,032	22,846
Other non-current assets	<u>47,875</u>	<u>53,807</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>69,907</u>	<u>76,653</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$215,467</u>	 <u>\$224,750</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Short-term debt	19,763	27,528
Accounts payable, trade	11,159	12,325
Other current liabilities	<u>42,108</u>	<u>42,835</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>73,030</u>	<u>82,688</u>
Long-term debt	38,195	36,784
Other non-current liabilities	<u>6,366</u>	<u>6,227</u>
Total liabilities	117,591	125,699
Net stockholders' equity	<u>97,876</u>	<u>99,051</u>
 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	 <u>\$215,467</u>	 <u>\$224,750</u>

Certain information included in this press release is forward-looking and is subject to important risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ. Actual results could differ materially based on numerous factors, including currency risk, competition, risk relating to sales growth in CO<sub>2</sub>, diode, and Nd:YAG lasers, cyclicalities, conflicting patents and other intellectual property rights of third parties, potential infringement claims and future capital requirements. These forward looking statements represent the Company's best judgment as of the date of this release based in part on preliminary information and certain assumptions which management believes to be reasonable. The Company disclaims any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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