



ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES

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ROFIN-SINAR REPORTS RESULTS FOR FOURTH QUARTER AND FISCAL YEAR 2002 SALES IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AT RECORD HIGH

Plymouth, MI / Hamburg, Germany – November 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 fourth quarter and fiscal year 2002, which ended September 30, 2002.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended			Twelve months ended		
	<u>09/30/02</u>	<u>09/30/01</u>	% Change	<u>09/30/02</u>	<u>09/30/01</u>	% Change
Net sales	\$64,210	\$54,357	+ 18%	\$221,948	\$220,557	+ 1%
Net income (loss)	\$2,367	(\$1,341)	+ 277%	\$5,001	\$7,215	- 31%
Net income (loss) per common share "diluted" basis	\$0.20	(\$0.12)		\$0.43	\$0.62	

The diluted net income (loss) per common 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 the fiscal quarters ending September 30, 2002 and 2001, and for each of the 12 month periods, respectively.

"We had an exceptionally strong fourth quarter, based on the receipt of acceptances on some bigger systems for various micro applications, which were shipped a few quarters ago. We also experienced a stronger demand for marking lasers from the semiconductor and electronics industry," commented Dr. Peter Wirth, Chairman of the Board and CEO. "As a result our quarterly sales have reached a new record high."

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Fourth Quarter -

In the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2002, sales were at a record high of \$64.2 million, an increase of 18.1% over the comparable period in 2001. Gross profit totaled \$22.9 million or 35.7% of sales compared to \$17.1 million or 31.5% of sales in 2001. Change in the overall product mix, particularly the higher level of sales in our marking and micro business to the semiconductor and electronics industry, resulted in a greater profit margin. Other expenses include a charge of \$1.3 million for the settlement of a patent litigation. Net income amounted to \$2.4 million or 3.7% of net sales versus a net loss of \$1.3 million or 2.5% of net sales in the comparable quarter in 2001. Diluted earnings per share equaled \$0.20 based upon 11.6 million common shares outstanding.

Sales and servicing of laser products for macro applications increased 8.2% to \$30.4 million compared to \$28.1 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001. The sales and servicing of laser products for marking and micro applications increased by 28.5% to \$33.8 million compared to \$26.3 million in the fourth quarter 2001.

European/Asian sales in comparison to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 increased by 16.7%, while North American sales showed an increase by 23.1%.

R&D net expenses in the fourth quarter 2002 totaled \$3.3 million compared to \$3.6 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001, representing 5.2% and 6.6% of net sales respectively. Governmental R&D grants accounted for \$0.5 million and \$0.1 million for the comparable quarters.

- Twelve Months -

For the twelve months ended September 30, 2002, net sales totaled \$221.9 million, which is slightly above the fiscal 2001 level. Gross profit for the period amounted to \$78.8 million (35.5% of net sales), down \$3.3 million from \$82.1 million (37.2% of net sales) in fiscal 2001. Net income for the twelve months in 2002 decreased by 30.7% to \$5.0 million and resulted in diluted earnings per share of \$0.43 based upon 11.6 million common shares outstanding. The main reasons for the decrease in net income were the overall change in product mix, the higher costs in our diode laser related products and expenses in connection with the patent litigation.

Net sales of macro laser products increased by 10.1% to \$117.3 million, while net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications decreased by 8.2% to \$104.6 million.

On a geographical basis, Rofin-Sinar's net sales in North America in the twelve months totaled \$58.8 million compared to \$45.7 million in fiscal 2001. In Europe/Asia, net sales decreased by 6.7% to \$163.1 million from \$174.9 million a year ago.

Order entry for the fourth quarter amounted to \$56.8 million, which caused a drop in backlog to \$46.4 million on September 30, 2002.

OUTLOOK

Dr. Wirth continued, "While we achieved record sales in the fourth quarter, the next quarters will be more challenging. It is difficult to predict whether the positive trend in the semiconductor and electronics industry will continue. Based on our current backlog and anticipated new bookings, combined with the uncertainty in the US market and worldwide economy, we believe next quarter sales will be more reflective of the current market environment. We are focused on meeting this challenge by concentrating on a few larger projects in our micro business. We are also looking to increase the sales of our proprietary Slab-laser technology to our OEM-customers by offering higher output powers, which should become available in the current fiscal year."

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, Thursday, November 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 Laura Martin at +44(0) 207 936 0400)

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(Tables to follow)

ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months Ended		Twelve months Ended	
	<u>9/30/02</u>	<u>9/30/01</u>	<u>9/30/02</u>	<u>9/30/01</u>
- Macro	\$30,444	\$28,092	\$117,341	\$106,615
- Marking/Micro	33,766	26,265	104,607	113,942
Net Sales	64,210	54,357	221,948	220,557
Costs of goods sold	<u>41,269</u>	<u>37,226</u>	<u>143,129</u>	<u>138,408</u>
Gross profit	22,941	17,131	78,819	82,149
Selling, general and administrative expenses	13,222	11,377	46,401	41,841
Goodwill amortization	989	953	3,762	3,653
Special Charge	0	0	0	700
Research and development expenses	<u>3,314</u>	<u>3,583</u>	<u>13,249</u>	<u>14,798</u>
Income from operations	5,416	1,218	15,407	21,157
Other expenses (income)	<u>870</u>	<u>(455)</u>	<u>2,251</u>	<u>2,292</u>
Income before income tax and minority interest	4,546	1,673	13,156	18,865
Income tax expense	<u>2,008</u>	<u>3,015</u>	<u>7,383</u>	<u>10,962</u>
Income before minority interest	2,538	(1,342)	5,773	7,903
Minority interest	<u>171</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>688</u>
Net income	<u>2,367</u>	<u>(1,341)</u>	<u>5,001</u>	<u>7,215</u>
Net income per common share "diluted" basis	\$0.20	(\$0.12)	\$0.43	\$0.62

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ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

	<u>At</u> <u>09/30/02</u>	<u>At</u> <u>9/30/01</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$20,312	\$13,487
Trade accounts receivable, net	58,274	55,412
Inventories net	74,290	70,328
Other current assets	<u>11,017</u>	<u>8,870</u>
Total current assets	<u>163,893</u>	<u>148,097</u>
Net property and equipment	24,689	22,846
Other non-current assets	<u>52,234</u>	<u>53,807</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>76,923</u>	<u>76,653</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$240,816</u>	 <u>\$224,750</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Short-term debt	22,544	27,528
Accounts payable, trade	12,798	12,325
Other current liabilities	<u>46,889</u>	<u>42,835</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>82,231</u>	<u>82,688</u>
Long-term debt	40,591	36,784
Other non-current liabilities	<u>9,575</u>	<u>6,227</u>
Total liabilities	<u>132,397</u>	<u>125,699</u>
 Net stockholders' equity	 <u>108,419</u>	 <u>99,051</u>
 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	 <u>\$240,816</u>	 <u>\$224,750</u>

The Company's conference call will include discussions relative to the current quarter results and some comments regarding forward-looking guidance on future operating performance.

"Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act.

Certain information in this press release that relates to future plans, events or performance, including statements such as increased sales to the semiconductor and electronics industry and the possibility to react fast on future market demands 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 CO₂, diode, and Nd:YAG lasers, cyclical, conflicting patents and other intellectual property rights of third parties, potential infringement claims and future capital requirements, as well as other factors set forth in our annual report on form 10-K. 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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