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ROFIN-SINAR RECEIVES MULTIPLE UNIT ORDER FOR LASER MARKING OF PASSPORTS AND NATIONAL ID CARDS

Plymouth, MI / Hamburg, Germany, August 23, 2000 – ROFIN-SINAR Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: RSTI) today announced that its recently acquired Baasel Lasertech subsidiary was awarded a contract for multiple laser marking systems from Maurer Electronics, Germany, a leading system integrator of forgery-proof security document manufacturing systems.

Under the terms of the contract, which is valued in excess of US\$ 1,5 million, Baasel Lasertech will deliver multiple laser marking systems of its popular StarMark® product line by the end of 2000. The laser marking systems will be integrated into Maurer Electronics unique M550 Laser Engraver to personalize passports and national ID cards in Poland.

The StarMark® solid-state laser marking systems are designed to meet production demands for high speed and high volume. In this application, they are utilized to generate permanent text, graphics and high-resolution photographic images. Laser marking provides the highest standard of security against forgery and alteration at all levels.

“We believe that this order is just one example of how our ongoing commitment to the development of leading-edge technology, such as the StarMark® series, will continue to enhance our competitive position in the future”, commented Carl F. Baasel, Managing Director of Baasel Lasertech. “Not only does the magnitude of this order reflect the performance and reliability inherent in our laser products, it also reflects our reputation for long-term support and close cooperation with leading system integrators”, added Dr. Peter Wirth, Chairman and CEO of RSTI. “With the addition of Baasel Lasertech, our combined strengths will bring an even brighter and more exciting future for our innovative laser products and worldwide markets.”

Headquartered 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 lasers and currently has more than 13,000 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. Additional information is available on ROFIN-SINAR's home page: <http://www.rofin.com>.

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 CO₂-, Nd:YAG lasers and Diode 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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