



ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES

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### **ROFIN-SINAR INCREASES ITS SHARES IN JAPANESE SUBSIDIARY**

**Plymouth, MI / Hamburg, Germany -- April 1, 2003** -- 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 that effective March 31, 2003, it has acquired an additional 37% of the shares of Rofin-Marubeni Laser Corporation ("RML"), Japan, from Marubeni Corp., Japan, for an undisclosed amount.

Rofin-Marubeni Laser Corp. was founded 1985 as a Joint-Venture between ROFIN-SINAR Laser GmbH, Marubeni Corp. and Nippei Toyama, Japan. With a headcount of 26, RML assembles, sells and services ROFIN's laser products in Japan and accounted for roughly 5% of RSTI's annual sales last fiscal year. Rofin-Sinar now holds 88% of RML shares following the acquisition and Nippei Toyama the remaining 12%.

"This purchase of shares is part of our corporate strategy to further strengthen our position in the Asian markets. RML will be renamed 'Rofin-Baasel Japan Corporation'", commented Dr. Peter Wirth, Chairman and CEO of RSTI.

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 in Germany in the "Prime Standard Segment" under the ISIN US7750431022. Additional information is available on Rofin-Sinar's home page: <http://www.rofin.com>.

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