



ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES

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ROFIN-SINAR REPORTS SALES OF \$54.1 MILLION AND NET INCOME OF \$2.4 MILLION FOR ITS 2001 FISCAL THIRD QUARTER

Plymouth, MI / Hamburg, Germany, August 7, 2001 – 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 fiscal third quarter and nine months ended June 30, 2001.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended			Nine months ended		
	<u>06/30/01</u>	<u>06/30/00</u>	% Change	<u>06/30/01</u>	<u>06/30/00</u>	% Change
Net sales	\$54,124	\$45,482	+ 19%	\$166,200	\$113,250	+ 47%
Net income	\$2,432	\$537	+ 353%	\$8,556	\$4,023	+ 113%
Earnings per share "Diluted" basis	\$0.21	\$0.05		\$0.74	\$0.35	

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 11.7 million for each of the fiscal quarters ending June 30, 2001 and 2000, respectively, and 11.6 million for each of the nine month periods ending June 30, 2001 and 2000.

Dr. Peter Wirth, Chairman and CEO commented, "Taking the current global business climate into consideration, we are pleased with the results of our last quarter. Stronger sales to the automotive industry compensated for a weaker semiconductor and electronics market. We were able to strengthen our position in the US market and we also achieved our goal of dual listing our shares at the Neuer Markt in Germany. Our net income was influenced by the one-time charges for the dual listing as expected."

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Third Quarter

For the fiscal third quarter ended June 30, 2001, net sales totaled \$54.1 million, 19% above the comparable period in 2000. Gross profit stayed at 38.8% of net sales, the same as in the comparable period. Net income amounted to \$2.4 million, or 4.5% of net sales, compared to \$0.5 million or 1.2% of net sales in the comparable period last year. The 2001 third quarter was influenced by the one time cost of \$0.5 million after income tax for the secondary listing in Germany, whereas the comparable quarter in 2000 included a special charge of \$1.8 million after income tax as a consequence of the Baasel Lasertech acquisition. Diluted earnings per share amounted to \$0.21 for the current quarter compared to \$0.05 in the comparable quarter last year.

Compared to the third quarter ending June 30, 2000, net sales of laser products for cutting and welding applications increased by 14% to \$27.5 million, while net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications increased by 24% to \$26.6 million.

R&D net spending amounted to \$3.5 million including governmental grants of \$0.4 million in the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

Order entry for the third quarter was \$52.3 million with a split of 60% orders for cutting and welding lasers and 40% for lasers for marking and micro applications. This resulted in an order backlog on June 30, 2001 of \$65.4 million.

Nine Months

For the nine months ended June 30, 2001, net sales totaled \$166.2 million, an increase of \$52.9 million, or 47%, over the comparable period in 2000. Gross profit for the period was \$65.0 million, \$23.2 million higher than in 2000. Net income for the nine month period ended June 30, 2001 totaled \$8.6 million, with earnings per share of \$0.74 on a diluted basis.

For the nine month period, net sales of cutting and welding laser products increased by \$10.4 million or 15% to \$78.2 million, while net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications increased by 94% to \$88.0 million.

On a geographical basis, net sales in North America in the first nine months increased by 19% and totaled \$33.5 million (fiscal 2000: \$28.2 million). In Europe/Asia, net sales increased by 56% to \$132.7 million (fiscal 2000: \$85.1 million).

OUTLOOK

"Our order intake in the third quarter reflected for the first time the weakening of the semiconductor and electronics business. As previously announced, shipments of already existing orders from this market sector have been delayed. We expect that based on this situation we will experience lower sales and reduced net income during the next quarters as long as the softness in the semiconductor/electronics market continues. In the coming months we will focus our efforts to strengthen our position in the machine tool and automotive market and develop new customers and applications in the segment of micromachining," concluded 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 developers and manufacturers of industrial lasers and currently has more than 14,000 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" since July 2001 under the German Securities 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 EDT, today, Tuesday, August 7, 2001. This call will be broadcasted 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.

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(Tables to follow)

ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months Ended (unaudited)		Nine months Ended (unaudited)	
	<u>6/30/01</u>	<u>6/30/00</u>	<u>6/30/01</u>	<u>6/30/00</u>
- <i>Cutting/Welding</i>	\$27,494	\$24,052	\$78,230	\$67,828
- <i>Marking/Micro</i>	26,630	21,430	87,970	45,422
Net Sales	54,124	45,482	166,200	113,250
Costs of goods sold	<u>33,145</u>	<u>27,815</u>	<u>101,182</u>	<u>71,473</u>
Gross profit	20,979	17,667	65,018	41,777
Selling, general and administrative expenses	10,689	9,117	30,463	21,058
Goodwill amortization	899	526	2,700	696
Special charge	700	2,812	700	2,812
Research and development expenses	<u>3,530</u>	<u>3,457</u>	<u>11,215</u>	<u>9,158</u>
Income from operations	5,161	1,755	19,940	8,053
Other expenses (income)	<u>1,431</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>3,436</u>	<u>(371)</u>
Income before income tax	3,730	1,603	16,504	8,424
Income tax expense	1,298	1,066	7,948	4,401
Net income	<u>2,432</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>8,556</u>	<u>4,023</u>
Net income per common share "diluted" basis	\$0.21	\$0.05	\$0.74	\$0.35

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ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

	(unaudited) At <u>06/30/01</u>	(audited) At <u>9/30/00</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$11,153	\$28,973
Net trade accounts receivable	52,483	51,302
Inventories net	65,247	56,584
Other current assets	9,197	8,279
Total current assets	<u>138,080</u>	<u>145,138</u>
Net property and equipment	21,153	20,580
Other non-current assets	<u>52,376</u>	<u>52,696</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>73,529</u>	<u>73,276</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$211,609</u>	 <u>\$218,414</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Short-term debt	25,130	34,749
Accounts payable, trade	11,670	10,760
Other current liabilities	<u>38,563</u>	<u>36,981</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>75,363</u>	<u>82,490</u>
Long-term debt	33,650	40,172
Other non-current liabilities	5,904	5,033
Total liabilities	<u>114,917</u>	<u>127,695</u>
Net stockholders' equity	<u>96,692</u>	<u>90,719</u>
 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	 <u>\$211,609</u>	 <u>\$218,414</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 CO₂, 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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