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ROFIN-SINAR GRANTS FANUC A LICENSE FOR HIGH POWER DIODE PUMPED SOLID STATE LASERS

Hamburg, Germany/Tokyo, Japan -- April 9, 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, and FANUC, the world's largest developer and manufacturer of robots and numerical controls, today announced that they have signed an exclusive technical license agreement.

This agreement includes the rights to manufacture and sell ROFIN's designed rod type, high power, diode pumped, solid-state lasers used for materials processing. Under this agreement, FANUC will use their own diode modules and will have the capacity to sell the products worldwide, but only in combination with their own robots and robotic systems. Further details have not been disclosed.

"We are very pleased to enter into this agreement with FANUC, as we have found a very powerful partner to expand and penetrate the worldwide markets with this new technology," commented Dr. Peter Wirth, Chairman and CEO of RSTI. "While we always strive to strengthen our technological and market leadership, we believe the upcoming market entry of FANUC with its powerful global network will boost the demand for this laser technology and broaden its use. With its versatile range of products and its excellence in automation and controls, FANUC has the capability to become a major player in the field of high power, diode pumped, solid-state lasers used in combination with their robots."

"FANUC is very satisfied with the agreement. FANUC succeeded in developing its high-power laser diodes and has begun manufacturing high reliable diode modules. The combination of FANUC's diode modules and Rofin-Sinar's laser technology will result in very powerful laser robotics system solutions for our customers," FANUC commented.

FANUC LTD, Oshino-mura, Yamanashi, established in 1972, is the world's leading developer and manufacturer of robots and numerical controls, with consolidated annual sales exceeding US\$ 1.6 billion and a worldwide distribution and service network. FANUC's shares are traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

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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