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### **ROFIN-SINAR AND IMAJE ANNOUNCE DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

#### **Hamburg, Germany/Plymouth MI, and Bourg-Les-Valence, France, March 6, 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 the signing of a distribution agreement between its wholly-owned subsidiary Rofin-Sinar UK Ltd., and IMAJE S.A., Bourg-Les-Valence, France.

Under the terms of this agreement, IMAJE will globally distribute ROFIN's Dot-Matrix laser marking product as the LightJet. The partnership also covers future technical co-operation for the design and continuing development of laser-based coding systems. Further terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

The LightJet Dot-Matrix markers are based on sealed gas laser expertise and ROFIN's proprietary diffusion-cooled CO<sub>2</sub> Slab laser technology. Dot-Matrix laser markers are primarily used for coding a wide range of non-metallic moving components, such as inked paper, cards, PET, PVC, rubber and many other, predominantly used in the packaging industry.

Rofin-Sinar UK Ltd. is the development and manufacturing center for ROFIN's range of sealed-off, carbon dioxide lasers in the sub-kilowatt range, using proprietary diffusion-cooled Slab laser technology. The Hull based Company was formed in 1998 after ROFIN acquired the business assets from Palomar Technologies Ltd.

IMAJE S.A. is a globally active designer, manufacturer and distributor of a full range of coding and marking technologies along with a wide range of consumables. ROFIN's Dot-Matrix laser systems compliment the existing portfolio and underline Imaje's commitment to offer a comprehensive range of products.

Peter Wirth, Chairman and CEO of ROFIN-SINAR Technologies, Inc. commented: "As one of the premier laser manufacturers in the world, we are always looking to strengthen our vendor partnerships. Combining IMAJE's outstanding sales network, expertise and reputation with our proprietary technology, we see an excellent opportunity to supply our latest sealed-off CO<sub>2</sub> lasers into this established market sector and to provide users with high-performance solutions for a large variety of applications and markets."

“We are pleased to partner with ROFIN, whose products offer unique features and advantages which strengthen our competitive standing in the coding sector. Our goal at Imaje is to enable our customers to add the full range of coding solutions to their applications“, Omar Kerbage, President of IMAJE, added. “Thus, this partnership will help us to widen our product range and offer our customers more diversified marking solutions. We are excited about the agreement and we are confident that it will be a very successful partnership.”

Imaje’s first exhibition of its Rofin manufactured LightJet Dot-Matrix laser coding system will be at the Hispack Exhibition, Spain, March 5 - 9, 2001. Additional information is available at <http://www.imate.com>.

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 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 at <http://www.rofin.com>.

Imaje S.A., founded in 1982, is a world-wide supplier of industrial marking and coding solutions for the packaging and industrial markets. With products that range from small and large character ink-jet printers to label printers and contact coders, the company also has subsidiaries which provide addressing systems, traceability systems, ink-jet printers for postal applications, and colour printing systems for a variety of industries. Imaje distributes products and services in more than 120 countries, through a network of 29 direct sales subsidiaries and other distribution partners.

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 CO<sub>2</sub>, 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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