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### **ROFIN-SINAR ANNOUNCES PLANS TO OPEN A NEW PRODUCTION FACILITY IN SINGAPORE**

HAMBURG, Germany/PLYMOUTH, Michigan - April 12, 2000 – ROFIN-SINAR Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: RSTI), one of the world's leading developers and manufacturers of high performance laser beam sources, today announced it will begin manufacturing laser marking systems in Singapore to satisfy the increasing demand for laser marking systems from the semiconductor and electronics industry.

The very strong market demand for these products during the last quarters forces the Company to rapidly increase production capacities. Singapore is a perfect location, as a larger percentage of the Company's laser markers are delivered into Asia and ROFIN-SINAR already operates a sales, service and demo center in Singapore.

"Our new 100 Watt diode pumped laser marker, introduced into the market one year ago, is a perfect tool for the semiconductor industry, allowing marking speeds of up to 1,000 characters per second. This laser type requires very low maintenance and shows higher efficiency in infrared as well as green wavelength output in comparison with the traditional lamp pumped systems," explains Dr. Walter Volkmar, General Manager of ROFIN-SINAR's marking division. "The added production capability will relieve some pressure on our production site in Germany. This will lead to shorter delivery cycles and, thus, enables us to react favorably on the increasing demand coming from successful sales in North America, too."

The Company believes that the upturn in the semiconductor and electronics industry will continue, and that it is well positioned for the future due to its innovative products and technologies.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Michigan, and Hamburg, Germany, ROFIN-SINAR Technologies, Inc. designs, develops, engineers and manufactures industrial laser products for cutting, welding and marking a wide range of materials. With production facilities in the US, Germany, UK and Japan, ROFIN-SINAR is one of the world's leading designers and manufacturers of industrial lasers and currently has more than 6,000 laser units installed worldwide and serves more than 1,500 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 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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