



ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES

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ROFIN-SINAR REPORTS RESULTS FOR SECOND QUARTER FISCAL 2001; SALES OF \$58.3 MILLION; NET INCOME INCREASES BY 67% TO \$3.1 MILLION

Plymouth, MI / Hamburg, Germany, May 8, 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, announced results for its second fiscal quarter and six months ended March 31, 2001 today.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended			Six months ended		
	<u>03/31/01</u>	<u>03/31/00</u>	% Change	<u>03/31/01</u>	<u>03/31/00</u>	% Change
Net sales	\$58,255	\$34,614	+ 68%	\$112,076	\$67,768	+ 65%
Net income	\$3,091	\$1,855	+ 67%	\$6,124	\$3,486	+ 76%
Earnings per share "Diluted" basis	\$0.27	\$0.16		\$0.53	\$0.30	

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 11.6 million and 11.7 million for the fiscal quarters ending March 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively, and 11.6 million for each of the six month periods ending March 31, 2001 and 2000.

Dr. Peter Wirth, Chairman and CEO commented, "We are very proud to report a record quarter in sales and order entry. This is a result of our continuing efforts to develop new markets and applications worldwide, even with the current global business climate. The Baasel Lasertech group contributed 37% to the quarterly revenues, which compensated for lower shipments to the automotive industry as compared to prior year."

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Second Quarter

For the second quarter ended March 31, 2001, net sales totaled \$58.3 million, 68.3% above the comparable period in 2000. Gross profit increased to 39.5% of net sales from 37.6% in the comparable period, mainly due to the product mix shift towards lasers for marking and micro applications. Net income amounted to \$3.1 million, or 5.3% of net sales, compared to \$1.9 million or 5.4% of net sales, in the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share increased to \$0.27 for the quarter.

Compared to the second quarter ending March 31, 2000, net sales of laser products for cutting and welding applications increased by 8.1% to \$25.3 million, while net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications nearly tripled to \$32.9 million.

R&D net spending amounted to \$4.0 million. Governmental grants accounted for \$0.3 million in the second quarter of the current fiscal year.

Six Months

For the six months ended March 31, 2001, net sales totaled \$112.1 million, an increase of \$44.3 million, or 65.4%, over the comparable period in 2000. Gross profit for the period was \$44.0 million, \$19.9 million higher than in 2000. Net income for the six month period ended March 31, 2001 totaled \$6.1 million, with earnings per share of \$0.53 on a diluted basis.

For the six months period, net sales of cutting and welding laser products increased by \$7.0 million or 16% to \$50.7 million, while net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications increased by 156% to \$61.3 million.

On a geographical basis, net sales in North America in the first six months totaled \$20.3 million (2000: \$17.4 million). In Europe/Asia, net sales increased by 82% to \$91.8 million (2000: \$50.4 million).

Order entry for the second quarter was a record \$61.6 million. This resulted in an order backlog on March 31, 2001 of \$67.2 million, about \$3.4 million higher than in the previous quarter.

OUTLOOK

"Our backlog reached a historical high of over \$67 million. However, while this backlog represents a solid base for our future business, we expect some shipment delays of laser markers to the semiconductor and electronics industries in the coming quarters," commented Dr. Peter Wirth. "We are pleased that we are on time with the preparation of the previously announced listing of our shares on the German stock market. Thus, we expect that the related one-time costs will influence our current quarter results," added Günther Braun, Chief Financial Officer of Rofin-Sinar Technologies Inc.

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. Additional information is available on Rofin-Sinar's home page: <http://www.rofin.com>.

A conference call is scheduled for 11:00 AM EST, today, Tuesday, May 8, 2001. This call will broadcast 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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ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months Ended (unaudited)		Six months Ended (unaudited)	
	<u>3/31/01</u>	<u>3/31/00</u>	<u>3/31/01</u>	<u>3/31/00</u>
- Cutting/Welding	\$25,344	\$23,445	\$50,739	\$43,777
- Marking/Micro	32,911	11,169	61,337	23,991
Net Sales	58,255	34,614	112,076	67,768
Costs of goods sold	<u>35,221</u>	<u>21,591</u>	<u>68,037</u>	<u>43,658</u>
Gross profit	23,034	13,023	44,039	24,110
Selling, general and administrative expenses	10,297	6,329	19,774	11,942
Goodwill amortization	911	85	1,801	170
Research and development expenses	<u>3,966</u>	<u>3,119</u>	<u>7,685</u>	<u>5,701</u>
Income from operations	7,860	3,490	14,779	6,297
Other expenses (income)	<u>1,442</u>	<u>(192)</u>	<u>2,006</u>	<u>(524)</u>
Income before income tax	6,418	3,682	12,773	6,821
Income tax expense	3,327	1,827	6,649	3,335
Net income	<u>3,091</u>	<u>1,855</u>	<u>6,124</u>	<u>3,486</u>
Net income per common share "diluted" basis	\$0.27	\$0.16	\$0.53	\$0.30

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ROFIN-SINAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

	(unaudited) At <u>03/31/01</u>	(audited) At <u>9/30/00</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$26,684	\$28,973
Net trade accounts receivable	52,519	51,302
Inventories net	64,669	56,584
Other current assets	<u>9,287</u>	<u>8,279</u>
Total current assets	<u>153,159</u>	<u>145,138</u>
Net property and equipment	21,541	20,580
Other non-current assets	<u>54,260</u>	<u>52,696</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>75,801</u>	<u>73,276</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$228,960</u>	 <u>\$218,414</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Short-term debt	37,499	34,749
Accounts payable, trade	12,169	16,297
Other current liabilities	<u>41,230</u>	<u>31,444</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>90,898</u>	<u>82,490</u>
Long-term debt	34,849	40,172
Other non-current liabilities	<u>6,847</u>	<u>5,033</u>
Total liabilities	<u>132,594</u>	<u>127,695</u>
Net stockholders' equity	<u>96,366</u>	<u>90,719</u>
 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	 <u>\$228,960</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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