

# **Ad Hoc Announcement**

## **RSTI: Order Entry, Sales and Net Income at New Record Levels**

**Plymouth, MI / Hamburg, Germany, November 6, 2008** – 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 fourth fiscal quarter and twelve months ended September 30, 2008.

### **Fourth Quarter**

Net sales totaled \$154.3 million for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2008, an 18%, or \$23.8 million, increase over the comparable quarter of fiscal year 2007. The weakening of the US Dollar, particularly against the Euro, resulted in a net sales increase of \$7.6 million in the fourth quarter. Gross profit totaled \$65.8 million, compared to \$56.4 million in the same period of fiscal year 2007, and equaled 43% of net sales in both periods. Net income amounted to \$20.0 million, or 13% of net sales, compared to \$16.4 million, or 13% of net sales, in the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share equaled \$0.68 for the quarter, based upon 29.3 million weighted-average common shares outstanding, compared to diluted earnings per share of \$0.51, based upon 32.0 million weighted-average common shares outstanding, for the same period last fiscal year.

SG&A expenses increased by \$2.8 million to \$24.9 million, representing 16% of net sales. In addition, the amortization expense in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2008 decreased by \$0.3 million to \$0.9 million (1% of net sales). Net R&D expenses increased by \$4.0 million to \$11.2 million, representing 7% of net sales.

Compared to the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2007, net sales of laser products used for macro applications decreased by 4% to \$56.8 million, accounting for 37% of total sales. Net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications increased by 35% to \$82.7 million and represented 54% of total revenues. Sales of components increased by 42% to \$14.8 million and represented 9% of total revenues.

### **Twelve Months**

For the twelve months ended September 30, 2008, net sales totaled \$575.3 million, an increase of \$95.6 million, or 20%, over fiscal year 2007. The weakening of the US Dollar, particularly against the Euro, resulted in a net sales increase of \$45.0 million. Gross profit for the period was \$248.0 million, \$44.7 million higher than in fiscal year 2007. Net income for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2008, totaled \$63.8 million, with diluted earnings per share of \$2.09 based upon the weighted average of 30.4 million common shares outstanding.

Net sales of lasers for macro applications increased by \$32.8 million, or 16%, to \$238.5 million and net sales of lasers for marking and micro applications increased by \$47.2 million, or 20%, to \$279.1 million. Sales of components increased by \$15.7 million, or 37%, to \$57.7 million from fiscal year 2007.

On a geographical basis, for the twelve months ended September 30, 2008, net sales in North America increased by 26% and totaled \$142.0 million (2007: \$112.6 million). In Europe, net sales increased by 12% to \$294.4 million (2007: \$262.0 million) and in Asia, net sales increased by 32% to \$138.9 million (2007: \$105.1 million).

Order entry amounted to \$602.1 million for the fiscal year 2008 and \$148.5 million for the fourth quarter, which resulted in an order backlog on September 30, 2008, of \$143.4 million, mainly for laser products.

In fiscal year 2008, the Company completed its buyback program and 2.8 million shares of common stock were repurchased for a total amount of approximately \$120.0 million.

The full text of the press release and further information including comprehensive financial data is available online at [www.rofin.com](http://www.rofin.com) – Investor Relations – Press Releases.