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**SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES INC.
REPORTS FIRST QUARTER RESULTS**

FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, May 12, 2006...**SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED (NASDAQ:STIZ)**, a leading North American provider of automation safeguarding products, announced today the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2006. Sales for the first quarter of 2006 increased 12% to \$15,962,000, compared to sales of \$14,298,000 for the same quarter of 2006.

Net income for the first quarter of 2006 was \$494,000 or \$.05 per common and diluted share, compared to net income of \$20,000 or \$.00 per share for the first quarter of 2005.

Commenting on the results, Joseph J. Lazzara, President and Chief Executive Officer stated, "We are very pleased to report sales and profit improvements over the first quarter of 2005. The profit improvement was achieved in spite of the recognition of approximately \$200,000 in banking and legal expenses associated with our recently announced intent to merge with Omron Corporation."

On April 25, 2006 STI announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement with Omron Corporation ("Omron") whereby Omron will acquire the Safety Products Group ("SPG") of STI. STI also separately entered into an agreement to sell its Automation Products Group ("APG") to a new company formed by members of the Lazzara family who currently serve as officers and directors of STI. The estimated value of the transaction is comprised of \$94 million for SPG, \$6 million for APG, plus an estimate for certain corporate assets, including cash net of certain liabilities and estimated transaction related expenses. In total, STI estimates that the transactions would value the equity of the company at approximately \$107 million, or approximately \$10.76 per basic share.

About Scientific Technologies Inc.

Scientific Technologies, Inc. (STI) is a North American leading provider of automation safeguarding products and services through its Safety Products Group. STI's Optical Sensor Division (OSD) provides safety products that are used to protect workers around machinery, automated equipment and industrial robots. Our products serve a wide variety of applications and markets, including semiconductor, automotive, electronics manufacturing, packaging and consumer markets. STI's Machine Services Division (MSD) provides safety services such as safeguarding equipment installations, machine safety assessments, and the design and custom fabrication of guarding solutions. MSD specializes in machinery services including the repair, relocation, installation and service of fabricating machinery. MSD serves customers in a variety of industries, including metal fabrication, aerospace, electronics, building materials, automotive and food processing. Our web site is located at www.sti.com.

STI's Automation Products Group serves the factory automation, semiconductor, transportation, oil and gas, consumer and food processing industries with a diversified offering of sensing technologies. Products include level, flow, pressure sensing, positioning transducers, vehicle

separation, profiling and ultrasonic sensors and controls. Further information is available at the Group's web sites: www.automationsensors.com, and www.stiscanners.com.

About Omron Corporation

Omron Corporation, headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, is a global leader in the field of automation with approximately \$6 billion in annual revenues. Established in 1933 and headed by President and CEO Hisao Sakuta, Omron has more than 26,000 employees in 35 countries working to provide products and services to customers in a variety of fields including industrial automation, electronic components, social systems (ticket gate machines, ticket vending machines and traffic control) and healthcare. Further information on Omron is located at www.omron.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release, including statements regarding the estimated value of certain transactions and of the Company, are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties, which could cause STI's results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements, include: economic and political conditions in domestic and international markets; declining market demand for industrial safety and security products generally; introduction of or increased demand for alternative products; potential errors, defects, design flaws or other problems with our products; changes in regulations relating to industrial safety and security products; and the other risks detailed from time to time in STI's Securities and Exchange Commission filings and reports, including STI's annual report filed on Form 10-K and quarterly reports filed on Form 10-Q. STI disclaims any obligation to update information contained in any forward-looking statement.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

STI intends to file a proxy statement in connection with the proposed transactions, a copy of which will be mailed to the shareholders of STI. **STI's Shareholders are urged to read the proxy statement and other relevant materials when they become available because they will contain important information about the proposed transactions.** Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by STI by going to STI's Investor Relations page on its corporate website at www.sti.com/financial/index.htm, by contacting STI in writing at 6550 Dumbarton Circle, Fremont, California 94555 or by calling STI at (510) 608-3400. In addition to the proxy statement, STI files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. A copy any such reports, statements or other information filed by the Company are available at the SEC public reference rooms. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. The Company's SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document-retrieval services and at the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

In addition, STI and its officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from STI's shareholders with respect to the proposed transactions. A description of any interests that STI's officers and directors have in the acquisition will be available in the proxy statement. Information concerning STI's directors and executive officers is set forth in STI's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, filed with the SEC on May 1, 2006. Updated information about STI's directors and executive officers will be included in the proxy statement that STI intends to file in connection with this transaction.

SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

(Amounts in thousands except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
Sales	\$15,962	\$14,298
Cost of sales	<u>9,218</u>	<u>8,820</u>
Gross profit	6,744	5,478
Operating expenses	<u>6,107</u>	<u>5,509</u>
Operating income (loss)	637	(31)
Interest and other income	<u>147</u>	<u>62</u>
Income before taxes	784	31
Provision for income taxes	<u>290</u>	<u>11</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 494</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>
Basic and diluted net income per Share	<u>\$.05</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
Shares used to compute net income per share		
Basic	<u>9,791</u>	<u>9,768</u>
Diluted	<u>9,932</u>	<u>9,787</u>

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Amounts in thousands)

Unaudited

	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,910	\$ 4,773
Short-term investments	2,524	2,480
Accounts receivable	9,385	9,085
Inventories	8,350	8,414
Other assets	<u>2,483</u>	<u>2,640</u>
Total current assets	28,652	27,392
Property, plant and equipment, net	3,275	3,224
Goodwill, intangibles and other assets	<u>5,070</u>	<u>5,106</u>
Total assets	<u>\$36,997</u>	<u>\$35,722</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,950	\$ 2,481
Accrued expenses	3,950	3,662
Current portion of capital lease with Parent	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>
Total current liabilities	6,968	6,211
Capital lease with Parent	11	28
Deferred income tax liability	<u>708</u>	<u>708</u>
Total liabilities	7,687	6,947
Shareholders' equity	<u>29,310</u>	<u>28,775</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$36,997</u>	<u>\$35,722</u>

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