



## NEWS RELEASE

### Roctest Reports Increased Revenue and Earnings for Second Quarter 2009

**St-Lambert, Quebec, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – Roctest Ltd (“Roctest”) (TSX: RTT), a leading designer and manufacturer of high-precision sensors for the civil engineering market and applications in the energy, healthcare and process control industries, today announced its operational and financial results for the three and six-month periods ended June 26, 2009. All results are reported in Canadian dollars.

“We are pleased to report solid revenue growth once again in the second quarter,” said François Cordeau, President and CEO, Roctest. “Despite the challenging economic environment, we saw significant growth in the industrial sector, driven by strong orders for our fiber optic sensors from OEM medical customers. In the civil engineering sector, we won over \$4.5 million of contracts for such projects as the instrumentation of a tunnel, a leakage detection system for a pipeline, and the monitoring of two ships, all using fiber optic technology, as well as supplying traditional instruments to three nuclear power plants.”

#### Financial Results

For the second quarter ended June 26, 2009, revenue increased 5.7% to \$6.31 million compared to \$5.97 million for the same quarter of 2008. The increase was attributable to a 23.8% increase in sales for the industrial sector. For the first six months of 2009, revenues increased 9.3% to \$12.1 million compared to \$11.07 million for the first six months of 2008.

Gross margins increased to 42.7% during the second quarter compared to 40.8% for the comparable period last year. This increase is mainly due to: higher volume in the industrial sector, a more favourable mix of products in the civil engineering sector and the impact of exchange rates. For the first six months of 2009, gross margins increased to 41.4% compared to 39.1% for the first six months of 2008.

Sales and Administration (“S&A”) expense totalled \$1.69 million or 26.8% of sales, compared to \$1.59 million or 26.7% of sales for the second quarter of 2008. The increase of \$0.10 million was mainly due to increased commissions related to the higher sales. For the first six months of 2009, S&A expenses amounted to 27.0% of sales compared to 27.2% for the same period of 2008.

For the second quarter of 2009, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) amounted to \$560,385 compared to \$456,948 in the same period in 2008. For the first six months of 2009, EBITDA amounted to \$979,947 compared to \$679,512 for the same period of 2008.

Net earnings were \$0.26 million or \$0.05 per share, compared to \$0.13 million or \$0.02 per share for the second quarter of 2008. For the first six months of 2009, net earnings amounted to \$0.40 million or \$0.07 per share compared to \$0.03 million or \$0.01 per share for the corresponding period of 2008.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

On June 26, 2009, cash, cash equivalents and temporary investments, net of cash advances, were \$1.27 million, compared to \$1.45 million at the end of fiscal year 2008. The decrease was mainly due to the use of additional cash to support the increase in accounts receivable and inventories associated with the growth in sales, partly offset by improved net income. Roctest’s working capital increased by more than \$830,000 to \$5.69 million at June 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 compared to \$4.86 million on December 26, 2008.



As at August 5, 2009, the Company had 5,563,071 common shares outstanding.

**Outlook**

With a profitable second quarter and the benefit of a strong order book for the civil engineering sector at the end of the quarter, management remains confident that, despite ongoing difficult global economic conditions, Roctest should deliver both revenue and profit growth in 2009.

Further information relating to Roctest's second quarter 2009 operating results and financial results may be found on the Company's website at [www.roctest.com](http://www.roctest.com) and on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

**About Roctest Ltd**

Roctest designs, manufactures and markets sensors and high-precision measuring instruments for the civil engineering market and applications in the energy, healthcare and process control industries. The Company is recognized for its leading-edge technology, the quality of its technical expertise and its product development capabilities for challenging and demanding environments. Its products are mainly sold internationally. The shares of the Company are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol RTT. To reach Roctest Ltd via the worldwide web log on to [www.roctest.com](http://www.roctest.com).

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