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SonTek/YSI Celebrates 15 Years of Industry Leadership

(San Diego, CA.) Founded September 20th, 1992, SonTek/YSI, recently celebrated 15 years of providing acoustic Doppler instrumentation, technologies and knowledge to the investigators of the earth's most valued resource—water.

Over the course of the past decade, SonTek instruments have revolutionized the study of hydraulics. Following the invention of the **Acoustic Doppler Velocimeter (ADV)** by business co-founder Ramon Cabrera in 1993, our product line has grown into a diverse, multi-faceted mix of high technology instruments designed for a wide variety of applications focused on water movement. As an example, while the ADV was originally intended for the laboratory environment, today you can find thousands of field scientists and technicians using its outdoor predecessor – the **FlowTracker Handheld-ADV**. Customers now have over two-dozen, customizable, acoustic Doppler current meters and profilers to choose from, allowing for water velocity measurement in areas and conditions previously thought immeasurable, and simplifying the (otherwise complex) process of collecting data.



YSI Inc. CEO, Rick Omlor and SonTek founder, Ramon Cabrera share in an anniversary toast with SonTek/YSI employees, recognizing 15 years of success in the environmental monitoring market.

A strong commitment to customer service is a cornerstone of our philosophy. As a business, SonTek has rapidly grown from modest beginnings in San Diego, to a presence in over 100 countries, helping over 25,000 water managers, urban planners, technologists, hydrologists, environmentalists, researchers, developers, and agency personnel make decisions about our precious water resources. Interesting success indicators include:

- ◆ Over 10,000 acoustic Doppler current meters sold to date;
- ◆ Over 25,000 customers, representing every genre of Oceanography and Hydrology research community;
- ◆ Introduction of acoustic Doppler technology into new and emerging markets such as Tunisia, Fiji, Palau, Sri Lanka, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Bosnia, Montenegro, Estonia, Latvia, Botswana, Iceland and El Salvador;
- ◆ Thousands of hours of hands-on, community development and field assistance by SonTek Applications Specialists;
- ◆ In the past five years, over a 300% increase in the number of employees and sales representatives, as diverse as the communities in which we serve.

In July, 2001, SonTek was acquired by YSI Incorporated of Yellow Springs, Ohio. The synergistic relationship between SonTek and YSI has greatly enhanced water testing, water monitoring, and water velocity measurement practices.

Additional information and other product news can be found at www.sontek.com.

SonTek/YSI, founded in 1992 and advancing environmental science in over 100 countries, manufactures affordable, reliable acoustic Doppler instrumentation for water velocity measurement in oceans, rivers, lakes, harbors, estuaries, and laboratories. SonTek/YSI is headquartered in San Diego, California, and is part of YSI Inc., an employee owned company that provides monitoring and data collection instrumentation to global water quality, water quantity, and aquaculture markets.