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Itronics Announces That Silver Sales More Than Tripled in First Quarter With a 231 Percent Increase

RENO, Nev., April 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Itronics Inc. (OTC Bulletin Board: ITRO; Frankfurt and Berlin Stock Exchanges: ITG) reported today that silver sales by its subsidiary, Itronics Metallurgical, Inc., more than tripled last year's first quarter with a 231 percent increase.

"Sales of our beautifully crafted 5 troy ounce, 99.9 percent pure Silver Nevada Miner bars accounted for more than half of the increase in first quarter silver sales," said Dr. John W. Whitney, Itronics President.

"Due to widespread consumer interest, Itronics Metallurgical has begun an Internet advertising campaign which will continue through the second quarter and is expected to further increase Silver Nevada Miner bar sales," Dr. Whitney said. "Retail sales of limited edition numismatic silver bars have the potential for meaningful growth as consumer interest in silver and gold is rekindled."

Itronics, through its subsidiary, Itronics Metallurgical, Inc., is the only company in the world with the technology to extract more than 99 percent of the silver and virtually all the other toxic heavy metals from used photoliquids and to use this "Beneficial Use Photochemical, Silver, and Water Recycling" technology to convert the resulting liquids into environmentally beneficial, chelated, multinutrient liquid fertilizer products sold under the trademark GOLD'n GRO, animal repellent fertilizer products under the trademark GOLD'n GRO GUARDIAN, and 5 troy ounce, 0.999 pure, Silver Nevada Miner numismatic bars. The environmentally friendly liquid fertilizers, which can be used for lawns and houseplants, and the popular Silver Nevada Miner bars are available at the Company's 'e-store' catalog at <http://www.itronics.com>.

Headquartered in Reno, Nevada, Itronics Inc. is one of Nevada's leading process technology companies and a world leader in photochemical recycling. The Company also provides project planning and technical services to the mining industry. Dr. John Whitney, Itronics President, was selected as Nevada's Inventor of the Year for 2000 and is a member of the Inventor's Hall of Fame at the University of Nevada, Reno. Itronics was one of five finalists for the 2001 Kirkpatrick Chemical Engineering Award, the most prestigious worldwide award in chemical engineering technologies.

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