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THE R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND ANNOUNCES THAT INSTITUTIONAL SHAREHOLDER SERVICES RECOMMENDS SUPPORT OF THE FUND'S MANAGEMENT IN PROXY FIGHT

(New York, NY, June 11, 2003) -- The R.O.C. Taiwan Fund (NYSE: ROC), a diversified closed-end investment company registered in the United States, announced today that Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), the most prominent adviser to institutional shareholders with regard to how to vote their shares concerning proxy matters, has unequivocally recommended that shareholders of the Fund support the management of the Fund in its proxy fight with Laxey Partners Limited.

In particular, ISS has recommended that shareholders vote:

- (1) FOR the election of the three trustees nominated by the Fund's Board,
- (2) AGAINST the proposal, required by the Fund's By-laws and Declaration of Trust to be presented for a shareholder vote, to convert the Fund into an open-end investment company and
- (3) AGAINST a proposal, expected to be presented by Laxey at the Fund's 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to terminate the Fund's investment advisory contract with International Investment Trust Company Limited.

Laxey has solicited the Fund's shareholders to withhold authority from the Board's trustee nominees and to vote in favor of the two proposals that ISS has recommended votes against. The Fund's 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders is scheduled to take place on June 24, 2003.

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