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ESI Group elected member of the Board of both ASTech Paris Region and AFDEL

Two new recognitions of trust in ESI's thought leadership

Paris, France – July 10, 2012 – <u>ESI Group</u>, pioneer and world-leading solution provider in <u>Virtual Prototyping</u> for manufacturing industries, announces its appointment as board member of <u>ASTech Paris Region</u>, a French competitive cluster dedicated to the Aerospace industry, and also of <u>AFDEL</u>, the Association of French Software & Internet Solutions Editors.

On June 27, 2012, <u>ESI Group</u> represented by **Vincent Chaillou**, President & COO was elected member of the Board of <u>ASTech Paris Region</u> by the members of the association during their Annual General Meeting. <u>ESI Group</u> becomes one of the 21 companies represented in the Advisory Board of the association, of which the primary role is to advise the Paris Region on the accreditation of R&D projects in the aerospace sector.

Gathered at the Hôtel National des Invalides in Paris for their General Assembly on the following day, the members of AFDEL have elected their new president, Jamal Labed, founding member of AFDEL and CEO of EasyVista. Three new administrators have also been elected: ITESOFT represented by Philippe Lijour, CEO; Oodrive represented by Stanislas de Rémur, CEO; and, ESI Group represented by Vincent Chaillou, President and COO. The new AFDEL logo, unveiled during this meeting, and the appointment of new administrators reflect the intent to better represent the dynamic French digital sector.

Vincent Chaillou declares "On behalf of ESI Group, I am truly honored to accept both of these new responsibilities, which show great trust in ESI's



diversified expertise. I believe ESI's presence as board member of ASTech Paris Region will contribute to the alignment of R&D projects with industrial needs and the prosperity of the Paris area through its expansion on global Aerospace markets. Meanwhile, I see the appointment as board member of AFDEL as a great opportunity to share ESI Group's vision, while representing the interests of similar size French industry players."



Vincent Chaillou, Product Operations President & COO of ESI Group

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About ESI Group

ESI is a pioneer and world-leading provider in Virtual Prototyping that takes into account the physics of materials. ESI boasts a unique know-how in Virtual Product Engineering, based on an integrated suite of coherent, industry-oriented applications. Addressing manufacturing industries, Virtual Product Engineering aims to replace physical prototypes by realistically simulating a product's behavior during testing, to fine-tune fabrication and assembly processes in accordance with desired product performance, and to evaluate the impact of product use under normal or accidental conditions. ESI's solutions fit into a single collaborative and open environment for End-to-End Virtual Prototyping. These solutions are delivered using the latest technologies, including immersive Virtual Reality, to bring products to life in 3D; helping customers make the right decisions throughout product development.

The company employs about 900 high-level specialists worldwide covering more than 30 countries. <u>ESI Group</u> is listed in compartment C of NYSE Euronext Paris. For further information, visit <u>www.esi-group.com</u>.

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