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ESI Group strengthens its position as a major actor in Automotive Innovation in France

Appointment of Vincent Chaillou as the new President of the industrial cluster ID4CAR

ESI Group (FR0004110310 – ESI), global leader and pioneer of Virtual Prototyping solutions, announces the appointment of Vincent Chaillou, Chief Operating Officer of ESI Group, as the new President of ID4CAR, a competitive and industrial cluster of the vehicle and sustainable mobility sector in the Greater West Region of France, on February 15, 2018.



Vincent Chaillou, Chief Operating Officer of ESI Group and ID4CAR President with Sergio di Capitao, Chief Operating Officer of ID4CAR, Yvon Peurou, former President of ID4CAR

"It is with great enthusiasm and motivation that I will follow up with other members of ID4CAR on the work done by Yvon Peurou, to strengthen and sustain this European cluster of excellence in the vehicle and sustainable mobility sector. I will do my utmost to maintain the balance between the tremendous innovation driving force that ID4CAR represents and the momentum created by the cluster ecosystem's growth, in particular for our regional SMEs, for whom ID4CAR must be the first partner of their economic development." Vincent Chaillou said.



To create greater value for its customers, ESI Group participates in several competitiveness clusters (in both Rennes and Nantes, cities in the Greater West Region of France). These clusters bring the proximity needed for collaborative work with research and development organizations and the entire industrial ecosystem.

A major influencer in terms of innovation in the sustainable mobility sector, ESI Group has been a member of the ID4CAR Board of Directors for more than six years. The aim of this cluster is to increase the competitiveness of sustainable vehicles and transportation sector in western France through innovative collaborative projects.

Academic and industrial collaborative projects result from this partnership. These include research and university theses, as well as industrial projects with high-quality partners, in fields such as additive manufacturing and the fabrication of composite parts.

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About ESI Group

ESI Group is a leading innovator in <u>Virtual Prototyping</u> software and services. Specialist in material physics, <u>ESI</u> has developed a unique proficiency in helping industrial manufacturers replace physical prototypes by virtual prototypes, allowing them to virtually manufacture, assemble, test and pre-certify their future products. Coupled with the latest technologies, Virtual Prototyping is now anchored in the wider concept of the Product Performance LifecycleTM, which addresses the operational performance of a product during its entire lifecycle, from launch to disposal. The creation of Hybrid TwinTM, leveraging simulation, physics and data analysis, enables manufacturers to deliver smarter and connected products, to predict product performance and to anticipate maintenance needs.

ESI is a French company listed in compartment B of Euronext Paris. Present in more than 40 countries, and addressing every major industrial sector, ESI Group employs about 1200 high-level specialists around the world and reported annual sales of €141 million in 2016.

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