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advantage of "JointForce" platform to open the programmatic interfaces of various applications to the external, build a platform ecosystem for simulation applications, further expand the national market, and form a digitally driven new industrial ecology.

In key areas of China, the Company will also cooperate with ESI Group to jointly build institutes of intelligent manufacturing, promote the building of R&D laboratories for Hybrid Twin and virtual manufacturing, etc., and maintain investment in emerging technologies and directions to accelerate implementation of industrial intelligent innovation and cultivation of new generation of intelligent professionals. The two sides will be jointly faced with new applications and expand the layout of digital twin cities.

The strategic cooperation with ESI Group has fully shown the Company's status as a core supplier of cloud computing, big data, and Internet platform in China, obtaining high recognition of overseas customers. The strategic cooperation with ESI Group is expected to strengthen the resource consolidation capability of the Company's Internet platform, build a new business model, and form integration and output of core capabilities of intelligent manufacturing to promote the Company's accelerating transition towards a core platform integration provider in Chinese Industry 4.0.

About ESI Group

ESI Group is a leading innovator in Virtual Prototyping software and services. Specialist in material physics, ESI 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. The creation of a *Hybrid Twin*™, leveraging simulation, physics and data analytics, enables manufacturers to deliver smarter and connected products, to predict product performance and to anticipate maintenance needs. At present, ESI employs about 1200 high-level specialists worldwide to address the needs of customers in more than 40 countries, and its customer base spans nearly every industry sector. The company's annual sales in 2017 were €135 million.

By order of the Board
Chinasoft International Limited
Dr. CHEN Yuhong
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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