



Press Release

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## **ESI Group, winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> "Ambitions d'Entrepreneurs" Trophy**

### **Recognition of the success of the international development of ESI Group**

Paris, France, November 20, 2014 - **ESI Group, pioneer and world-leading solution provider in Virtual Prototyping, is announced the winner of the "Ambitions d'Entrepreneurs" Trophy in the "International" category.**

Organized by the Palatine Bank and i>TELE, the "Ambitions d'Entrepreneurs" Trophy aims to recognize the most dynamic Intermediate-Sized Enterprises, and specifically those that exemplify the role of driving France's economic growth, jobs and sphere of influence at home and abroad.

Receipt of this 3<sup>rd</sup> award, following the ASMEP-ETI/Bpifrance award received in March 2014 and the Grand Prix des Entreprises de Croissance received in July 2014, is clear recognition of the international roll out of ESI Group virtual prototyping solutions, now adopted by leading and global enterprises in several industrial sectors. The Group's success in terms of international growth is a testimony to its efforts to work as closely as possible with its customers and thereby assure that their innovation needs are met. Notably the Group is present in economic regions with a strong growth potential and where there is opportunity to collaborate with strategic customers and academic partners to co-create products for future generations.

With nearly 90% of sales outside France, ESI Group is a major global player in the industrial digital revolution. Its highly innovative software solutions enable enterprises to significantly reduce, or even eliminate, physical prototypes, provide powerful operational levers to generate significant productivity gains and accelerated innovation.

**[Click here to access the ESI Group feature which was broadcast on i>TELE in its program "Ambitions d'Entrepreneurs", and in partnership with the Palatine Bank](#)**



Alain de Rouvray, ESI Group's Chairman and CEO, comments: "We are extremely honored to receive this award; one which recognizes ESI Group for its strategic presence and long-term success on the international stage. Being aware of the universality of our solutions and their potential to enable breakthrough innovations, we have worked ceaselessly to grow our international presence so that we can work more closely with our industry partners' technological and decision-making centers, whether in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region or the Americas. This trophy draws attention to the high added value of our products for industry operators who faced with competitive pressure, as well as challenging deadlines, stringent compliance requirements and even safety assurance. Our Virtual Prototyping solutions offer vital and unique creative input as well as competitiveness in such a context. On this occasion of recognition of the success of our Group, I would particularly like to thank our dedicated employees and the strategic partners who continue to have the faith that sustains and fosters our joint successes."

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#### Next events

Actionaria exhibition, Paris:  
**November 21-22, 2014**

Revenue for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014:  
**November 27, 2014**

#### About ESI

ESI is a pioneer and world-leading player 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 on 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 1000 high-level specialists worldwide covering more than 40 countries.

ESI Group is a French company listed in compartment C of NYSE Euronext Paris and granted "Entreprise Innovante" (Innovative Company) certification since 2000 by Bpifrance. ESI Group is eligible for inclusion in FCPI (venture capital trusts dedicated to innovation) and PEA PME.

2014 awards: winner of the 2014 ASMEP-ETI/Bpifrance award in the "Innovation and industrial strategy" category and of the "Grand Prix des Entreprises de Croissance", in the "Software and IT Services" category.

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