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ESI Group is awarded first prize of the Gaïa campaign 2017 for the second year in a row

ESI Group (FR0004110310 - ESI), leader and pioneer in Virtual Prototyping solutions, has been awarded first prize in the Gaïa campaign 2017 for Midcaps with annual revenues under €150m. This is the second year in a row ESI has won first prize in this category and it keeps its place in the index which singles out the 70 top-rated companies in the CSR domain.

This award is a testimony to ESI's ongoing commitment to CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and to the progress it has made in deploying the very best social, societal, environmental and governance practices.

Commenting on this award, Vincent Chaillou, Chief Operating Officer of ESI Group said: "This affirmation of our CSR credentials for the second consecutive year is testimony both to our dedicated strategy in this area and the commitment of our employees who actually deploy the strategy in line with our values. The technologies of the future that are currently revolutionizing industrial manufacturing will have to be underpinned by greater corporate responsibility and companies will need to factor CSR criteria right across their entire value-creation strategy. We firmly believe that this sort of approach can lock ESI Group into a long-term development dynamic underpinned by environmentally- and human-friendly technological innovation."



From left to right: Mr. Edouard Miffre, PR of CBo, Mr. Vincent Chaillou, Chief Operating Officer of ESI Group, Mr. Philippe Delieuvin, CFO of 1000mercis



The Gaïa Index was created in 2009 as the benchmark sustainable development index for listed French mid-caps (*ETI*). Developed by EthiFinance, the Index selects SMEs based on their CSR performance. The Gaïa Index has outperformed the CAC 40 and CAC Mid & Small indexes every year. The methodology uses CSR data to evaluate a companies' transparency and maturity in terms of CSR policies, best practices and performance.

Read about our CSR strategy under "Our responsibility": http://www.esi-group.com/fr/entreprise/propos-desi/notre-responsabilite

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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 Lifecycle, which addresses the operational performance of a product during its entire lifecycle, from launch to disposal. The creation of Hybrid Twins, 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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