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**Over 300 Delegates Attend The
2nd Annual Emerging Technologies In Automation Conference And Trade Show**

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Windsor-Essex County, Ontario, - Tuesday, October 31, 2017 –The Emerging **Technologies in Automation Conference and Trade Show** presented by the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation (WE EDC) was held today in the Augustus Ballroom at Caesars Windsor.

The participants included local company representatives and exhibitors as well as delegates from outside the region. The conference and trade show partners were: **WEtech Alliance, Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, NRC-IRAP** and was sponsored by **Valiant TMS, Deloitte, Ontario Centres of Excellence and the University of Windsor.**

The delegates heard presentations from many experts in emerging technology such as: Siemens, ABB Robotics, Reko International Group Inc., Brave Control Solutions, Eagle Press and Dieffenbacher with exhibitors showcasing the latest developments in automation at the interactive trade show. The keynote speaker **Kristen Dziczek with the Center for Automotive Research** presented the “Future Trends in Autonomous Manufacturing Systems.”

"The conference provides a platform to present new technologies and gain a shared understanding of where the automation industry is heading, Valiant TMS is proud to be among the many high-caliber sponsors and presenters attending the Emerging Technologies in Automation Conference," said, **Dominic Baulier, Director of Research & Development, Valiant TMS.**

Stephen MacKenzie, CEO of the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation said, “As automation has become the competitive advantage in today’s manufacturing world, the goal and design of this conference and trade show has been to showcase and promote the hundreds of local companies that make this region known as an international hub for automation. To be recognized nationally by the Hon. Navdeep Singh Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development as one of Canada’s global innovation leaders is quite an honour. It’s also a complement to our region’s companies across all of our sectors, with many presenting and exhibiting today. We are pleased to be able to provide these companies with the opportunity to present their latest developments in automation that is rapidly changing the world around us.”

Lee McGrath, Director of Business Retention and Expansion with WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation added, “Since launching the Emerging Technologies in Automation Conference and Trade Show in 2016 we continue to receive very positive feedback and significant interest from businesses to participate. We recognize the importance of our role to support our region as an international hub for automation therefore, we are already planning some exciting additions to our signature event for next year, so save the date Tuesday, November 6, 2018.”

Attached: PROGRAM AGENDA

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