

# ZK International and its Subsidiary, XSigma Corporation, Sign Exclusive Worldwide Distribution Agreement with TNT Blockchain, Inc.

WENZHOU, China, Feb. 12, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [ZK International Group Co., Ltd.](#) ([Nasdaq: ZKIN](#)) ("ZKIN", "ZK International" or the "Company"), today announced that the Company and its subsidiary, XSigma Corporation ([www.xsigma.io](http://www.xsigma.io)), have signed an exclusive worldwide distribution agreement with TNT Blockchain Inc. to implement its patent pending software and blockchain technologies into its manufacturing process and supply chain management system.

TNT Blockchain's patent pending technologies, are focused on streamlining three distinct areas of manufacturing within the supply chain which include:

- Track-n-Trace Technologies
- Internet of Things (IoT) Devices
- Blockchain Technology

Track-n-Trace ("TNT") is designed to improve the traceability and inventory systems of small-to-medium sized manufacturing companies to track raw materials and finished goods at the source, supplier, or factory, through the entire supply chain to the customer. By combining the TNT with the IoT devices, every device within the manufacturing process is registered on the Blockchain to create a digital identity, which cannot be manipulated. Finally, the Blockchain technology would provide transparency and security, as permissions and identity the technology would require will ensure the appropriate visibility of transactions.

Mr. Jiancong Huang, Chairman and CEO of ZK International and XSigma, stated, "As we continue to grow our business, it is critical that we evaluate and implement technology that amongst other important areas of our business, improves efficiency, lowers costs, and enhances security. Through our wholly-owned subsidiary's global distribution agreement, we look forward to staying at the forefront of our manufacturing process. We will continue evaluating opportunities to implement these Blockchain technologies into our network of manufacturers."

TNT Blockchain is led by President David Christensen, who has over 25 years experience in building manufacturing and supply chain companies. Mr. Christensen is a "Black Belt in Lean Six Sigma", which is a recognized expert in Global Strategy Deployment with unique expertise in Global Supply Chain, POS Systems and Security, Logistics, Freight, Distribution, Inventory, Service Repairs, CRM, Customer Service and Call Center. Additionally, his International team includes industry experts in Engineering, IT Hardware, ERP Applications, Security Management, as well as Marketing and PR. He has previously worked for companies such as Compaq, HP, Cal Cartage, Qualcomm, Wal-Mart

International, Rexnord Carlyle, Hypercom, and Verifone.

David Christensen commented, "We are pleased to begin collaborating with ZK International and XSigma and implementing our patent pending technologies into their manufacturing process. We deploy a real-time manufacturing, distribution, and inventory traceability system that helps prevent counterfeit products from suppliers and improves process efficiencies while reducing costs. By implementing blockchain technology into the supply chain, we will be able to significantly reduce transaction costs, human errors, and delivery delays. Additionally, the security of each transaction is enhanced and can be efficiently maintained, reducing fraud."

### **About ZK International Group Co., Ltd.**

ZK International Group Co., Ltd. is a China-based designer, engineer, manufacturer, and supplier of patented high-performance stainless steel and carbon steel pipe products that require sophisticated water or gas pipeline systems. The Company owns 28 patents, 21 trademarks, 2 Technical Achievement Awards, and 10 National and Industry Standard Awards. ZK International is preparing to capitalize on the \$850 Billion commitment made by the Chinese Government to improve the quality of water, which in its current supply state is 70% unfit for human contact. ZK International is Quality Management System Certified (ISO9001), Environmental Management System Certified (ISO1401), and a National Industrial Stainless Steel Production Licensee that is focused on supplying steel piping for the multi-billion dollar industries of Gas and Water sectors. ZK has supplied stainless steel pipelines for over 2,000 projects, which include the Beijing National Airport, the "Water Cube" and "Bird's Nest", which were venues for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Emphasizing superior properties and durability of its steel piping, ZK International is providing a solution for the delivery of high quality, highly sustainable, environmentally sound drinkable water to not only to the China market but to international markets such as Europe, East Asia, and Southeast Asia.

For more information please visit [www.ZKInternationalGroup.com](http://www.ZKInternationalGroup.com). Additionally, please follow the Company on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Weibo](#). For further information on the Company's SEC filings please visit [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **About XSigma Corporation**

XSigma Corporation, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ZK International Group Co., Ltd. Together with ZK International, it has signed an exclusive worldwide distribution agreement with TNT Blockchain, Inc. to implement its patent pending software and blockchain technologies into its manufacturing process and supply chain management system. These technologies include, Track-n-Trace ("TNT"), which is designed to improve the traceability and inventory systems of small to medium sized manufacturing companies to track raw materials and finished goods at the source, supplier, or factory, through the entire supply chain to the end user. Combine the TNT with the Internet of Things ("IoT") devices, every device within the manufacturing process is registered on the Blockchain to create a digital identity, which cannot be manipulated. Finally, the Blockchain technology would provide transparency and security, as permissions and identity the technology would require will ensure the appropriate visibility of transactions. For further information about XSigma, please visit its website at [www.xsigma.io](http://www.xsigma.io).

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