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New Skills at Allan R. Nelson Engineering (1997) Inc. Mean New Contracts

ESTec Systems Corp. (TSX Venture: ESE) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Allan R. Nelson Engineering (1997) Inc. (ARN), is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a contract by an Alberta client, to design a novel trailer-mounted mobile catwalk system for the service rig sector. We believe that ARN's recent acquisition of new engineering talent and expertise in specialized oilfield applications, tipped the scales in our engineering firm's favour, in the successful awarding of this contract.

In oilfield operations, a catwalk is a lift-up or lift-down steel, structural system designed for optimal transfer and presentation of tubulars, (drill pipe, drill collar, tubing, sucker rods, etc.) to and from the drilling floor. Hydraulic catwalks comprise systems in which raising and lowering functions are actuated by pivoted cylinders that extend or retract as required.

Typically, these represent a ramp-style assembly, that allow the tubulars to be loaded or off-loaded from side-mounted racking wings, to or from a central trough-like channel. The chain-driven trip up or down this trough, is accomplished by a "skate" locking device, that attaches to the tubing. Although there are several competitive models on the market at present, our client believed that they had a superior concept, and were seeking an engineering firm, that had the expertise to help realize their design ambitions.

Central to ARN's growth and development strategy, is a policy of investing in our employees' training. Our staff is routinely sent on new courses to upgrade their skills and keep the firm up-to-date with new software, codes and developments in the oil patch, and other industrial sectors within which we operate. Through our new Engineering Manager and other staff resources, and as demonstrated by this project, we are pleased to witness the progressive expansion of our capabilities and industry footprint.

For more information on ESTec and its subsidiary please visit www.estec.com.

On behalf of the Board

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About ESTec Systems Corp:

ESTec Systems, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Allan R. Nelson Engineering (1997) Inc, provides specialized forensic and design engineering services. The Company's forensic services have been sought by substantially all of the major insurance companies in Canada that underwrite heavy industrial operations, and in particular, the petrochemical, resource, and drilling sectors. Allan R. Nelson Engineering comprises professional engineers and technologists who carry diverse skills and a variety of professional backgrounds. Since 1966, they have been offering services to clients in the mining, construction, forestry, petrochemical and drilling equipment industries in domestic and foreign markets. Further information relating to the Company's services may be found on it's website at www.estec.com.

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