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Quantum Design International and ICSPi Announce Distribution Agreement

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – February 1, 2022 – Quantum Design International is proud to announce that it has entered into an exclusive agreement with ICSPi, an innovative manufacturer of atomic force microscope (AFM) instruments headquartered in Waterloo, Canada. ICSPi's tabletop AFM instruments will be distributed by Quantum Design International in China, India, and Latin America.

"This alliance with ICSPi helps strengthen our position in the surface analysis market and will expand our product portfolio to individual labs and researchers with fast, easy-to-use AFM instrumentation," stated Gerald D. Daviess, President & CEO Quantum Design International. "Increasingly, researchers are finding value in AFM measurements but can be put off by large, overly complicated instruments. We believe the small size, ease of use, and cost effectiveness of the nGauge will provide a valuable option to our customers."

ICSPi is on a mission to bring robust, easy-to-use, and affordable nanoscale metrology everywhere. Pushing the boundaries of what is possible in nanoscale metrology with the world's first benchtop AFM-on-a-Chip instrument, the nGauge provides 3D images with sub-nanometer resolution in a fraction of the time traditional AFM instruments require. The nGauge enables researchers and engineers to quickly get the data they need in their own lab for research, process optimization and quality control.

"Quantum Design International provides in-depth regional coverage in each of the territories they service, providing knowledgeable staff for sales, service and technical support," said Jim Harp, Vice President Business Development, ICSPi. "We are convinced Quantum Design International is the right partner to help us accelerate our growth in these markets."

For more information visit www.icspicorp.com.

About Quantum Design International

Founded in 1982, Quantum Design Inc. is a privately held corporation that develops and markets advanced technology cryogenic systems and instruments for the scientific community. Quantum Design is widely recognized as the leading commercial source for integrated laboratory analytical systems incorporating superconducting technology. In addition, through its strong R&D focus and direct foreign offices in the world's major technology markets, Quantum Design International has developed a worldwide distribution channel for its own industry leading instruments as well as for research-based instruments developed by other technology leaders.

About ICSPi

ICSPi is a Canadian manufacturer of atomic force microscope instrumentation specializing in breakthrough MEMS-based AFM-on-a-Chip technology for 3D nanoscale characterization. ICSPi's flagship product – the nGauge AFM – has reset expectations for AFM by helping researchers and engineers get the 3D nanoscale data they need with an easy-to-use, fast, benchtop solution. ICSPi is now helping hundreds of researchers and engineers in over 20 countries worldwide.