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### **New entity Solid Sands B.V. in Amsterdam announces the acquisition of the SuperTest compiler test and validation suite operations from ACE Associated Compiler Experts bv**

*From today Solid Sands is the one-stop shop for C and C++ compiler testing, validation and safety services*

Amsterdam - October 28, 2014 - Solid Sands announces its spin out of ACE, from which it has acquired the full SuperTest™ operations. In addition to serving the existing market of compiler developers, Solid Sands will address the growing demand for safety and security requirements as an independent company. New safety and security standards such as ISO 26262 in the automotive industry enforce that software development tools be qualified by the users of the tools. SuperTest, with its reputation as an extremely thorough testing tool, is perfectly positioned to excel at this for compiler toolchains.

"This is a unique opportunity to further expand and develop the SuperTest business." said Marianne Damstra, founder and CCO of Solid Sands, "We have a triple-A customer base using our unique product. B2B relationships and meeting our user's demands is what we are good at, and this is how we will grow and enhance our operations."

"At ACE we cheer and endorse this kick-start of Solid Sands with their strong team driving a strong product. Both the SuperTest product and its users will benefit from this new initiative while the compiler experts at ACE look forward to collaborate with Solid Sands to further boost SuperTest as the world's number one compiler test tool." said Martijn de Lange, CEO of ACE.

"Would you believe there are still markets where assembly programming is common because compilers are not deemed reliable enough? Perhaps closer to home - everybody knows it is dangerous for an engineering team to switch to a new compiler release mid-project. We can change that, we want compiler users to feel confident about this critical tool they use. No surprises! We are very excited to pick up the trust that ACE put into Solid Sands and aim our energy at serving a market where safety and security become more important by the day", said Marcel Beemster, founder and CTO of Solid Sands.

#### **About Solid Sands**

Solid Sands is the one-stop shop for C and C++ compiler testing, validation and safety services. With SuperTest Solid Sands offers the largest compiler test and validation suite with a unique level of compiler test coverage. SuperTest starts where other suites end.

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