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# ZK International Subsidiary, xSigma Corporation, Announces Dwight Howard from the Philadelphia 76ers to Join its DeFi Protocol as an Early LP

WENZHOU, China, Feb. 10, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- ZK International Group Co., Ltd. (Nasdaq: ZKIN) ("ZKIN", "ZK International" or the "Company"), a designer, engineer, manufacturer, and supplier of patented high-performance stainless steel and carbon steel pipe products primarily used for water and gas supplies, is pleased to announce that xSigma Corporation, a subsidiary of the Company, that is a blockchain R&D lab, is pleased to announce that Dwight Howard, a professional basketball player and NBA champion with the Los Angeles Lakers, has committed to joining the xSigma DeFi Protocol as an early liquidity provider (LP).

Mr. Howard committed to providing cryptocurrency for xSigma's DeFi Protocol upon its launch. In addition, Mr. Howard has partnered with xSigma to advertise the project. Thus, it makes xSigma Protocol the first project of its kind to get a global sports influencer to the list of LPs. By doing this partnership, xSigma expects to bring more LPs and customers for its project.

xSigma Corporation is a blockchain R&D lab owned by ZK International Group Co., Ltd. xSigma's team includes former Facebook, Google, Ripple, and Amazon engineers. xSigma's DeFi Protocol is one of the first projects in the DeFi space backed by a public company. The DeFi industry keeps growing and now has over $36 billion of funds locked in the major DeFi protocols, according to defipulse.com.

Mr. Jiancong Huang, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ZK International, stated, "We are honored that Dwight Howard decided to participate in our decentralized finance platform. This is a huge step in mass-adoption of blockchain products. xSigma looks forward to bringing more opinion leaders onboard."

**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

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For more information please visit **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**.

**About XSigma Corporation**

XSigma Corporation, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ZK International Group Co., Ltd. Together with ZK International, has launched xSigma as a research and development lab back in 2018 to solve real-world infrastructure challenges. Its mandate was to explore new opportunities in smart contracts, supply chain management and other blockchain-based solutions. XSigma has since pivoted to decentralized finance, focusing on decentralized exchanges, stablecoins and lending protocols. The research lab is now actively working on its ecosystem of products beginning with its DeFi protocol. The ultimate objective is to build a range of financial tools and products for the flourishing decentralized finance industry. The xSigma team that are being assembled are on the leading edge of blockchain research and development that intersects decentralized finance, supply chain management, IoT, and infrastructure. The DeFi protocol is one of many decentralized finance projects xSigma plans to launch over the next 12 months. It will feed into a growing network of DeFi products for enterprise and consumer markets. Any blockchain protocol is subject to a degree of risk; xSigma's DeFi protocol has implemented tamper-resistant programming, but is still subject to potential hacks.For further information about xSigma, please visit its website at www.xsigma." www.xsigma.com and www.xsigma.fi

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