

ESE Entertainment Announces Closing of Oversubscribed Private Placement

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VANCOUVER, BC, Dec. 24, 2020 /CNW/ - **ESE Entertainment Inc.** (TSXV: ESE) (OTCQB: ENTEF) (the "**Company**" or "**ESE**"), is pleased to announce that it has closed (the "**Closing**") its previously announced non-brokered private placement (the "**Private Placement**") through the issuance of 3,315,482 units (each, a "**Unit**") of the Company at a price of \$1.10 per Unit, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$3,647,030. Each Unit is composed of one common share (an "**ESE Share**") and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "**Warrant**"), each Warrant exercisable for two (2) years at \$1.50 per ESE Share. The Closing was effected in two tranches, the first on December 23, 2020 through the issuance of 545,400 Units, for gross proceeds of \$599,940, and the second on December 24, 2020 through the issuance of 2,770,082 Units, for gross proceeds of \$3,047,090.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Private Placement to fund acquisitions and for general working capital purposes. Cash finder's fees of \$204,983 were paid and 180,346 finder's warrants (each, a "**Finder's Warrant**") were issued in connection with the Closing. Each Finder's Warrant is exercisable for two (2) years into one ESE Share at a price of \$1.10 per ESE Share.

"Our team is pleased with the success of this oversubscribed private placement, highlighting the market's support for ESE." stated Konrad Wasiela, Chief Executive Officer of the Company. "Our team is confident in the business plan, highlighted by personal participation in this private placement from all five directors of ESE. With funding secured, ESE is positioned for a breakthrough year in 2021. The entire team is excited to work harder than ever in order to take ESE to new heights", continued Mr. Wasiela.

Insiders of the Company subscribed for a total of 48,180 Units under the Private Placement, which subscriptions constituted "related party transactions" within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("**MI 61-101**"). The issuance of the Units to insiders of the Company was exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements under MI 61-101 pursuant to subsections 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101, as the fair market value of the Units did not exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization. The securities issued under the Private Placement are subject to a hold period that will expire four months and one day from their date of issue.

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About ESE Entertainment Inc.

ESE Entertainment is a Europe based entertainment and technology company focused on gaming, particularly on esports. ESE consists of multiple assets and world-class operators in the gaming and esports industries. Capabilities include but are not limited to: physical infrastructure, broadcasting, global distribution for gaming and esports-related content, advertising, sponsorship support, and a growing esports team franchise. ESE is focused on bridging Europe, Asia and North America.

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