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CARL DATA SIGNS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTED FINTECH FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CRYPTOMINING FACILITIES, PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS AND M2M TRANSACTION CAPABILITIES

January 17, 2018 – Vancouver, British Columbia – Carl Data Solutions Inc. (CSE:CRL, FSE:7C5, OTC:CDTAF) ("Carl Data" or the "Company"), has signed a service agreement with Connected Fintech Inc. ("Connected") that includes the building of cryptocurrency mining facility; the development predictive analytics and operational metrics for cryptocurrency mining; and the development of breakthrough machine to machine (M2M) transactional capabilities.

Carl Data intends on mining the primary cryptocurrencies including: Bitcoin, Bitcoin Cash, Ethereum and Dash. This mining facility will include both GPU (Ethereum) and the most current ASIC machines to provide versatily allowing several dozen different coins to be mined. Based on current cryptocurrency prices, the Company anticipates that the investment will add gross revenues of \$250,000 to Carl Data's annual revenues.

Jay Yu, President and CEO of Connected, "We are excited to partner with Carl Data Solutions in helping them enter the rapidly growing space of cryptocurrency mining and the development of integrating blockchain into the IIoT (Industrial Internet of Things). Connected Fintech is in the process of building out the required infrastructure and hardware needed for Carl's cryptocurrency mining, both offsite and within a portion of Carl's facilities. Cryptocurrency mining is beginning to experience a significant shift into Canada and this mutually beneficial partnership provides long term strategic value for both companies. Carl Data will have the ability to target and mine the most profitable coins (generally Bitcoin and Ethereum). Bitcoin can also be used to purchase other coins as a means to diversify its cryptocurrency portfolio, while also maximizing the amounts accumulated. With application of predictive analytics and machine learning this will be a great opportunity to develop more Fintech specific technological knowledge, while providing an additional revenue stream."

Currently, Carl Data works with a variety of devices, sensors and data sources that are all connected to the IIoT. After working closely for years with hardware vendors, the Company knows the technological needs of the newly emerging data economy. Smart devices and machines will communicate directly – machine to machine (M2M) – to improve operational efficiency, and provide solutions such as Smart Contracts. Carl Data intends to continue to develop the latest and most effective technology in the IIoT space, through their expertise with AI, machine learning and predictive analytics.

Greg Johnston, Carl Data's President and CEO, commented, "Data marketplaces are already being built by companies like Accenture and Microsoft. There is even already a dedicated crypto currency for IIoT, IOTA. Our development and acquisition strategy is to add complimentary technologies to provide our customers with the best technology available. We are continuing this commitment through our partnership with Connected Fintech."

About Connected Fintech Inc.

Connected Fintech Inc. with offices in Vancouver B.C. and Wall Street N.Y.C, is a diversified financial technology company focused in the fastest growing sectors of Cryptocurrency, BlockChain Technology, Payment Solutions, Data Intelligence, Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning and Predictive Analytics.

Connected plans to purchase its own real estate and land for developing large scale Cryptocurrency mining facilities in Canada and the United States. Connected Fintech Inc. provides Technical Professionals in Hardware and Software build out of Cryptocurrency data mining infrastructures and facilities. Connected is creating a portfolio of Intellectual Property (IP) in the space of Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), Payment Solutions, Cryptocurrency and BlockChain Technologies. www.connectedFintech.com

About Carl Data Solutions Inc.

Carl Data Solutions Inc. is an Industrial IoT (IIoT) company focused on providing next generation information collection, storage and analytics solutions for data-centric companies. Building on its recent acquisitions, Carl helps its clients analyze and understand all forms of environmental data through a powerful platform of data collection, monitoring, reporting, and predictive analysis tools.

Carl Data continues to develop applications to work with new cloud-based mass storage services and analytics tools (Big-Data-as-a-Service (BDaaS) to provide scalability for municipalities, utilities and other industrial verticals. These data collection and storage methods allow the company to build smart Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)-based applications that can collect data from many diverse sources and provide deep insight for decision-making purposes. More information can be found at www.CarlSolutions.com.

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