PRESS RELEASE



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## **Appointment of New Director**

AVANT Corporation (security code: 3836) announces that, AVANT Board of Director made a resolution on appointment of a new director effective on September 23, 2020, at a meeting held on August 19, 2020.

The appointment of the director will be formalized with an approval of the 24th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on September 23, 2020.

Mr. John Robertson, Director

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January 1994	M3i Systems, Inc., Sales Manager
July 1996	SAP America, Inc., Sales Director
July 1999	EMC Corporation, Managing Director
July 2002	Reuters K.K. (Now Thomson Reuters K.K.), Senior Director
January 2004	EMC Corporation
January 2007	VMware K.K., Vice President, Customer Operations
January 2012	VMware Singapore Pte. Ltd.,
	Vice President and General Manager, ASEAN
December 2014	VMware KK, Vice President
March 2015	VMware KK, President
September 2020	Director, Avant Corporation (to be)

<Significant Concurrent Positions>

March 2015 VMware KK, President

<Reason for appointment>

He has been leading an international organization for 30 years in Japan and the Asia-Pacific region, and are well-skilled in management, gravitation, and communication skills. He has a

deep knowledge of the latest IT technologies, including in the cloud native field, and is actively exerting leadership in the rapidly changing IT industry. The Company hope that the he will contribute with the same leadership in creating corporate value through our shift to cloud business in our mid-term management plans called "BE GLOBAL".

## <About AVANT Group>

## AVANT

The Avant Group's mission, headed by the holding company AVANT Corporation (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President and Group CEO: Tetsuji Morikawa; Securities Code: 3836), is to spread accountability. The Group is developing its consolidated accounting, business intelligence, and CFO outsourcing businesses with the CFOs and CIOs as its main focus. Through these efforts, the Group is helping to create value for customers by transforming management information into a map for the future, which is useful in decision-making.

Established as DIVA Corporation in May 1997, after going public in February 2007, changed its name to AVANT Corporation when it transitioned to a holding company in October 2013. The company was listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in March 2018. Major Group operating subsidiaries (100% owned by both companies) are as follows:

DIVA Corporation ZEAL Corporation Internet Disclosure Co., Ltd. FIERTE Corporation