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Navitas expands into the Netherlands via partnership with University of Twente

Global education services provider Navitas Limited (ASX: NVT) is pleased to announce that it has signed an agreement with the University of Twente to take over its pathway program for international students. The agreement follows Navitas successfully competing in the university's selection procedure for the provision of these services.

The pathway college will offer undergraduate foundation programs taught in English in Science, Engineering, Business and Social Studies which will provide successful students access to programs at the university such as Advanced Technology, Engineering, Industrial Design, Applied Mathematics, Creative Technology and International Business Administration.

The University of Twente is a public research university located in Enschede, The Netherlands. It is recognised as among the world's best universities in fields such as nanotechnology, engineering, IT, robotics and geo-information science. Entrepreneurial spirit is one of the core values of the institution and the university is committed to making economic and social contributions to the Netherlands.

The college will commence teaching in September 2019. The agreement is for a 5 year period.

"We are delighted to be expanding the University Partnerships Division into continental Europe via this new partnership with the University of Twente, a top 200 globally ranked institution," said Navitas Group Chief Executive Officer, David Buckingham.

"The University will make an ideal partner as its well known for its high quality academic outcomes and its commitment to student experience, and is located in a very attractive region."

"Expansion of our pathway model into the Netherlands is also an exciting opportunity as the country has high quality education institutions, favourable immigration regulations, a growing international education sector and attractive price points for potential students," Mr Buckingham concluded.

"For us as a university it's important that prospective students from abroad are able to begin their programme well prepared," says Victor van der Chijs, President of the Executive Board of the University of Twente.

"It can't always be assumed that the education they have previously experienced is a good match for our Bachelor's programmes. For instance regarding the focus or the level of specific subjects that are essential for successful participation in a Bachelor's programme at the UT."

"By offering students an extensive programme that's more or less comparable with a pre-Master's for a Master's programme, we ensure that they can participate optimally from day one."

The ultimate success of the college (and its significance to Navitas) will depend on a number of factors including, but not limited to, the following:

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- Quality student outcomes and experience
- Student enrolment levels
- Partner university location and ranking
- Competitive regulatory environment
- Attractiveness of the country as a destination to international students

Navitas does not make publicly available student enrolment numbers on an individual college basis but notes that it releases student enrolment data on a regular basis.

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About Navitas

Navitas is a leading global education provider that offers an extensive range of educational services through two major Divisions to students and professionals including university programs, creative media education, professional education, English language training and settlement services. Navitas is a S&P/ASX200 company. Further details about Navitas are available at <u>www.navitas.com</u>

About the University of Twente

The University of Twente is a public research university located in Enschede, The Netherlands. It is a top 200 globally ranked university offering degrees in Science, Social Science, Business and specialising highly in Engineering. The University's motto *high tech human touch* is reflected in its state-of-the-art, innovative approach to education and research. The University of Twente was voted most entrepreneurial university in The Netherlands as well as best technical university in The Netherlands. Further details about the University of Twente are available at: <u>www.utwente.nl</u>