



## **Sondrel develops return to work strategies to minimise disruptive effect of COVID-19 outbreak**

*One of the first to have government approval to allow staff to return to its office in Xian, China*

**Reading, UK 29 April 2020.** The COVID-19 outbreak is impacting businesses around the world with many people working from home. The next challenge is how to manage their return to work safely as the pandemic eases. China has already started to allow this with new guidelines to enable people to return to offices. Sondrel has worked closely with the government's Epidemic Prevention Expert at Sondrel's Xian design office in China and is now one of the first local companies to have the approval certificate for staff to return to work.



*The employee temperature monitoring station*

The first step was to disinfect the offices thoroughly, which is repeated at the end of every day, and to check that all the staff were free of symptoms. Then the office is equipped with a temperature measuring point at the entrance to monitor staff twice every day, along with stocks of disinfectant, medical gloves, alcohol gel for hands, and masks. This has now created an effective template that the company can deploy in any of its other offices around the world.



*Not a teleport station but Sondrel's lift with designated positions to stand to maintain distances*

Graham Curren, Sondrel's CEO and Founder, said, "Everyone has pulled together to ensure that the disruption to work for customers and staff was minimised. For example, it has become really difficult to obtain masks in China at the moment, so, with a little outside the box thinking, our office in Hyderabad, India shipped several boxes of masks to their colleagues in Xian."

### **About Sondrel**

Sondrel is a full-service ASIC company and is Europe's largest, independent, integrated circuit design consultancy. It provides complete semiconductor design solutions from concept, through prototype, to volume-packaged silicon chips. Based in Reading, UK, Sondrel has developed a global reputation with a presence in China, India, France, Morocco and North America.

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