ISQED Names Synopsys' Chi-Foon Chan Distinguished Fellow, Presents Synopsys' Mike Keating With Quality Award

Awards Bestowed at ISQED's Eighth Annual Quality Symposium

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., March 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Synopsys, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNPS), a world leader in semiconductor design software, today announced that the International Symposium on Quality Electronic Design (ISQED) has named Synopsys President and Chief Operating Officer Dr. Chi-Foon Chan a Distinguished Fellow at the Eighth Annual Symposium on Quality Electronic Design, held March 26-28 in San Jose, Calif.

ISQED's Distinguished Fellow is the highest level of recognition bestowed upon members who have demonstrated leadership in the area of design for quality and the utmost dedication to ISQED. Dr. Chan is the first recipient of this award. ISQED also presented Synopsys Fellow Michael Keating with the Quality Award. The ISQED Quality Award was established in 2006 in order to recognize individuals with outstanding contributions to quality in electronic design.

"Distinguished Fellow is an important honor, and ISQED is pleased to name Dr. Chi-Foon Chan as the first person to receive this important distinction," said Dr. Ali Iranmanesh, ISQED founding chair and CEO of the Silicon Valley Technical Institute. "Chi-Foon has been involved with ISQED since its inception and has shown tremendous leadership in promoting quality in electronic design. His continuous support has enabled the ISQED to grow and become a leading forum in design for quality and manufacturing."

"I am indeed honored that my colleagues at ISQED have named me Distinguished Fellow," said Dr. Chan. "Since its inception, ISQED has provided a forum to present and exchange ideas and to promote research, development and design methodologies that improve the quality of complex integrated circuits. I look forward to continuing to work with ISQED to promote these goals and values."

As president and chief operating officer, Chi-Foon Chan shares responsibility for running the company with Synopsys Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Aart de Geus. Dr. Chan is focused on driving the company's internal operations and worldwide field organization. He joined Synopsys in 1990 as vice president of Applications and Services. Previously at NEC Corporation, Dr. Chan was general manager of the Microprocessor Group, responsible for marketing all NEC chip devices in North America. Prior to NEC, Dr. Chan was an engineering manager at Intel Corporation. He holds an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from Case Western Reserve University.

"We also congratulate Mike Keating on receiving the ISQED Quality Award in recognition of his tireless work to promote excellence in intellectual property (IP) development and design reuse," said Dr. Iranmanesh. "Mike has been a long-time contributor to ISQED. He had presented many papers and given many of the ISQED keynote speeches."

Mike Keating is a Synopsys Fellow in the company's Advanced Technology Group. He has been with Synopsys for 10 years, focusing on IP development methodology, hardware and software design quality and low power design. He received his BSEE and MSEE from Stanford University, and has more than 20 years experience in ASIC and system design. Starting with the Reuse Methodology Manual (RMM) which he co-authored, Mr. Keating has spent much of the last 10 years focused on improving design methodology with an emphasis on improving quality.

"It's gratifying to be given the Quality Award from a prestigious body dedicated to improving design methodologies, electronic design automation technology and overall quality in circuit design," said Mr. Keating. "ISQED ensures that designers will continue to have access to the latest information on how to achieve success with their increasingly complex designs."

About ISQED

The International Symposium on Quality Electronic Design (ISQED) is a premier Design and Design Automation conference, aimed at bridging the gap between and integration of: electronic design tools and processes, integrated circuit technologies, processes and manufacturing in order to achieve design quality. ISQED is the pioneer and leading conference dealing with design for manufacturability and quality issues. The conference provides a forum to present and exchange ideas and to promote the research, development, and application of design techniques and methods, design processes, EDA design methodologies and EDA tools that address issues impacting the quality of the realization of designs into physical integrated circuits. ISQED emphasizes a holistic approach toward design quality and highlights and accelerates cooperation among the IC Design, EDA, Semiconductor Process Technology and Manufacturing communities. Visit ISQED online at http://www.isqed.org/

About Synopsys

Synopsys, Inc. is a world leader in EDA software for semiconductor design. The company delivers technology-leading

semiconductor design and verification platforms and IC manufacturing software products to the global electronics market, enabling the development and production of complex systems-on-chips (SoCs). Synopsys also provides intellectual property and design services to simplify the design process and accelerate time-to-market for its customers. Synopsys is headquartered in Mountain View, California and has offices in more than 60 locations throughout North America, Europe, Japan and Asia. Visit Synopsys online at https://www.synopsys.com/.

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