Synopsys Chooses Sanco for Distributor in Middle East (Middle East Only)

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., November 28, 2007—Synopsys, Inc., a world leader in software and IP for semiconductor design and manufacturing, today announced it has chosen Sanco Middle East (FZC) as a distributor for implementation, verification and design-for-manufacturing (DFM) products in the Middle East. Territories served by the contract include Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Kuwait.

Headquartered in the United Arab Emirates with offices in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, Sanco has a successful track record in the region that spans more than two decades. Sanco offers leading-edge technology and services to the region's growing research and development, education, government and commercial markets.

Ahtisham Ulhaq, CEO of Sanco Middle East, said, "This is an exciting phase of development for both the region and Sanco, and the agreement with Synopsys offers an excellent opportunity for both companies to support the region's developing microelectronics and nanotechnology sectors. Our short-term aim is to create a strong foundation for the region's microelectronics industry. Most of the local universities have confirmed their interest in the Synopsys University Program."

Egidio Marzorati, executive account manager at Synopsys, noted, "This agreement demonstrates Synopsys' commitment to helping the region's economy through the development of a vibrant microelectronics industry. Synopsys' technology-leading electronic design automation and DFM solutions, coupled with Sanco's reach and capabilities, will enable us to better serve this growing market."

About Synopsys

Synopsys, Inc. is a world leader in electronic design automation (EDA) software for semiconductor design. The company delivers technology-leading system and semiconductor design and verification platforms, IC manufacturing and yield optimization solutions, semiconductor intellectual property and design services to the global electronics market. These solutions enable the development and production of complex integrated circuits and electronic systems. Through its comprehensive solutions, Synopsys addresses the key challenges designers and manufacturers face today, including power management, accelerated time to yield and system-to-silicon verification. Synopsys is headquartered in Mountain View, California, and has more than 60 offices located throughout North America, Europe, Japan and Asia. Visit Synopsys online at https://www.synopsys.com/.

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