Dubai Silicon Oasis Chooses Synopsys to Establish First IC Design Center in the United Arab Emirates

Synopsys Technology and Expertise Help Set Up Design Center To Serve Customers Worldwide

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., Sept. 25 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Synopsys, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNPS), a world leader in semiconductor design software, today announced that the Dubai Silicon Oasis Authority (DSOA), the region's innovation hub for high-technology industries, has chosen Synopsys' Professional Services and Synopsys' Pilot Design Environment to establish the Dubai Circuit Design (DCD) center. This center is the region's first chip design center for physical implementation of advanced integrated circuits (ICs).

Synopsys supported DCD with guidance in hiring staff and by providing management and technical expertise. With the help of Synopsys, the DCD office is now operational and engineers are fully trained on the latest Synopsys tools and technologies. DCD customers are creating multi-million gate, multi-voltage designs in 90-nanometer (nm) and below process technologies by using the Pilot Design Environment and Synopsys Professional Services.

DCD will focus on delivering physical design services for U.S., European and Asian customers with a worldwide sales force. DCD aims to become the leading regional force in chip design innovation using state-of-the-art Synopsys tools, flows, and methodologies to implement complex silicon designs.

"Thanks to extensive assistance from Synopsys, this unique initiative has ramped up in less than three months," said Jihad Kiwan, DCD managing director and Technology and Investment Generation executive director at DSOA. "Skilled and talented engineers have been recruited from different parts of the world to launch the operations of Dubai Circuit Design. DCD is an important part of DSOA's objective to create a pool of IC design talent in Dubai using expertise gained by working with Synopsys specialists in semiconductor and microelectronics design."

"Dubai Circuit Design is building a robust design capability for international companies looking to implement their chip designs," said Glenn Dukes, vice president of Professional Services at Synopsys. "Synopsys' EDA software, highly integrated design flow, and consulting services help DCD engineers to predictably implement the complex designs that their customers are demanding."

About Synopsys

Synopsys, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNPS) 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 http://www.synopsys.com/.

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