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NOTE: The information in this letter affects only those customers using Sun Solaris and Hewlett Packard HP-UX workstations. If this does not apply to you, please disregard.

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Dear Synopsys Customer:

This is a revised version of the letter sent to you earlier this year. New information has been added to complement the data sent previously. This new information more completely identifies the products affected by the contents of the letter.

If you are using your Synopsys Products on Sun Microsystems or Hewlett Packard workstations, please read this letter carefully, as a Sun Solaris and Hewlett Packard HP-UX Operating System upgrade will be implemented for Synopsys release v2001.06 (formerly known as the TLD [or EPIC] 5.6 release).

You will find the list of products and the supporting operating systems at:

http://www.synopsys.com/products/platforms/platform2000_11/qjsc_2000_10.html

TLD version 5.5 support for Sun Solaris 2.5.1 and 2.6 and Hewlett Packard HP-UX 10.20 will expire on December 31, 2001.

Sun Solaris 7 support will continue and become the primary Sun platform for releases beginning with v2001.06. Solaris 8 will be supported as a compatible operating system platform. Hewlett Packard HP-UX 11.0 will become the primary Hewlett Packard platform for releases beginning with v2001.06. We believe that the more modern versions of Solaris and HP-UX along with Sun's UltraSPARC and Hewlett Packard's PA-RISC architecture will offer you better value, allow for future growth and enable you to take advantage of advances.

To make your transition to the new Sun Operating System simple, Synopsys has consulted with both Sun Microsystems and Hewlett Packard to ensure that you have everything you need to complete your upgrade.

Sun information is available at: **<http://www.sun.com/service/support/>**

Hewlett Packard information is available at: **<http://www.hp.com/support/>**

By providing you with advance notice, we hope to minimize any inconvenience in implementing this upgrade. If you have any questions please contact your local Synopsys support center or your Sun Microsystems or Hewlett Packard sales representative. We believe that the powerful combination of the latest Synopsys release and the most advanced operating systems will offer the productivity and cost savings you need for your IC designs.

You have 12 months from the initial shipment of Synopsys release version 5.6 to upgrade your operating system.

Sincerely,



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