EDA CONSORTIUM PUBLISHES OS ROADMAP

*Information Improves Planning for EDA Industry and its Customers*

SAN JOSE, California, February 16, 2004—The EDA Consortium today announced the publication of the first **EDA Industry Operating System (OS) Roadmap** with information about current and future OS support by EDA companies at www.edac.org. The Roadmap includes recommended OS support timelines and a centralized webpage with links to the specific OS support plans of Consortium members.

With the rapidly changing OS landscape, it has become increasingly difficult and costly for EDA suppliers and customers to determine which operating systems to support. The EDA Industry OS Roadmap and EDA supplier support plans enable improved planning and predictability for OS support, migration and end of OS support.

“With today’s tight time-to-market pressures and budget awareness, we need to take the guesswork out of important business decisions,” said Walden C. Rhines, chairman of the EDA Consortium and chairman and CEO of Mentor Graphics Corporation. “The published plans of EDA companies will enable the electronic design community to make OS decisions based on real information coming from active participants in the industry.”

The creation of the guidelines is an EDA industry first. The new initiative debuts with links to 20 leading public and private EDA companies, representing over 80% of the industry’s revenue.

As an ongoing initiative, the Roadmap will be updated each quarter and more links will be added to showcase the support plans of EDA companies. Today the Roadmap covers support recommendations for Solaris, HP-UX, Red Hat Enterprise Linux and Windows operating systems running on UltraSPARC, PA-RISC, Intel, or AMD compute platforms.

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The EDA Consortium is the international association of companies that provide electronic design automation (EDA) tools and services that enable engineers to create the world's electronic products. EDA is the critical technology used to design electronics for the communications, computer, space technology, medical and industrial equipment and consumer electronics markets among others.

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