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NOTE: The information in this letter affects only Astro™ customers using Sun Solaris and HP operating systems. If this does not apply to you, please disregard.

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Dear Synopsys Customer:

If you are using the Apollo product on either Sun Microsystems Solaris or HP-UX operating systems (OS), please read this letter carefully, since a Sun Solaris and HP-UX OS upgrade will be implemented with Synopsys release U2003.06.

For the Astro products, Patch 9 release in September 2002 was the last release to support the Sun Solaris 5.5.1 and HP-UX 10.20.

Synopsys support for Astro Sun Solaris 5.5.1 and HP-UX 10.20 will expire on June 2003.

Sun Solaris 8 will become the baseline Sun Solaris OS for Apollo release beginning with U2003.06.

HP-UX 11.0 will become the baseline for Apollo beginning with U2003.06.

We believe that the more modern versions of Solaris and HP-UX offer Astro customers better value and enable you to take advantage of OS and hardware technology advances.

To facilitate your transition to Sun Solaris 8 and HP 11.0, Synopsys has consulted with Sun and HP to ensure that you have everything you need to complete your upgrade.

Sun information is available at: www.sun.com/service/support/

HP information is available at: www.hewlettpackard.com/support/

By providing you advance notice, we hope to minimize your inconvenience in implementing this upgrade. If you have any questions, please contact either your local Synopsys support center or your Sun Microsystems or Hewlett Packard sales representative.

We believe that the powerful combination of the latest Astro release and the most advanced OS will offer you the productivity and cost savings you need for your integrated circuit and system designs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Brenner".

Karen Brenner
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