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NOTE: The information in this letter affects only Apollo 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 Apollo products, Patch 9 release in September 2002 was the last official release to support the Sun Solaris 5.5.1 and 5.7 and HP-UX 10.20.

Synopsys will continue to provide support for Apollo Sun Solaris 5.5.1 and 5.7 and HP-UX 10.20 until December 31, 2003.

Sun Solaris 8 will become the baseline Sun Solaris OS for the 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 Apollo 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 Apollo 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 black ink that reads "Karen Brenner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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