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IBM AIX 5.3 EOL Customer Communication
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Dear Cadence Customer,

Each computer hardware manufacturer offers multiple hardware architectures and various levels of operating systems. New versions of the operating systems are released periodically, and Cadence must adjust its support policies to keep up with this natural progression in order to stay synchronized with the workstations and servers our customers are using.

To that end, Cadence will end support for the IBM AIX 5.3 OS on the PowerPC hardware platform and AIX 6.0 will become the baseline IBM AIX OS for all new Cadence releases beginning January 1, 2010.

Existing AIX 5.3 based releases and new releases up to Dec 31, 2009 will not be affected by this change for the lifecycle of the releases. However, no new product enhancements (beyond bug fixes) will be released on AIX 5.3 after January 1, 2010. We will continue to provide you with all scheduled update releases and the same level of software maintenance you have today.

Cadence is committed to continuously enhancing our product quality and customer support and to working with our computing platform partners to ensure that our products run on a variety of UNIX-, Linux-, and Windows-based systems.

If you currently use the IBM AIX 5.3 OS, we encourage you to begin planning to update your IBM AIX environment in order to support new Cadence base releases in 2010. For more information about Cadence products on the IBM AIX platform, please visit our support website at http://www.cadence.com/support.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss an appropriate transition plan, please contact your Cadence account manager.

Sincerely,

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