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Notice: Novell SLES 9 (on X86_64) EOL Customer Communication - February 18, 2008

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 Novell SLES 9 OS on the X86_64 hardware platform and SLES 10 will become the baseline SUSE Linux OS for all new Cadence releases beginning January 1, 2009.

Existing SLES 9 (on X86_64) based releases and new releases up to Dec 31, 2008 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 SLES 9 after January 1, 2009. 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. This change to our Novell SUSE Linux OS support will allow us to take advantage of advances in Novell's OS and newer hardware technology.

If you currently use the SLES 9 OS, we strongly encourage you to move to the SLES 10 OS as soon as possible. For more information about Cadence products on the Novell SUSE Linux 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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