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Notice: Sun Solaris 7 EOL Customer Communication

Dear Cadence Customer:

Each hardware manufacturer offers multiple hardware architectures and levels of operating systems. Unfortunately, we cannot maintain support for all of these platform combinations - especially when a hardware vendor no longer supports the platform.

To that end, Cadence will implement a Sun Solaris OS upgrade and end support for the Solaris 7 OS. Solaris 8 will become the baseline Solaris OS for all Cadence releases beginning January 1, 2004. Solaris 9 will continue to be supported as a binary compatible OS.

Existing Solaris 7 releases will not be affected for the remaining lifecycle of the product. However, no new product enhancements (beyond bug fixes) will be released on Solaris 7. 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 Sun Solaris OS support will allow us to take advantage of advances in Sun's OS and hardware technology.

We strongly encourage you to move to Sun Solaris 8 or 9 OS as soon as possible. For more information about Cadence products on Sun Microsystems' platform, please contact your local Sun or Cadence account manager or visit our support website at 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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