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ARM opens design centre, teams with Synopsys

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ARM has officially opened its new semiconductor design centre in Sheffield.

The creation of the development group in Sheffield followed ARM's acquisition of local company, Infinite Designs Ltd in April 2000.

In the last 18 months the size of the development team at the centre has grown from nine to 25 people.

The centre is playing a large role in the development of the microprocessor company's latest range of AMBA products, as well as providing associated design and development kits. The centre's services also include project consultancy, board-level prototyping and ARM PrimeCell peripheral prototyping and verification.

A significant factor in the decision to establish a design centre in Sheffield was the strong pool of skilled engineers available in the region, said the company in a statement.

ARM has undergraduate development relationships with both Loughborough and Liverpool Universities.

ARM has also formed a design partnership with Synopsys as part of its ATAP technology programme, which will mean that Synopsys' design centre in Reading, along with others in Finland Taiwan, will provide ARM-based system-on-chip (SoC) design services for its customers.

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