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**NOTE:** The information in this letter affects you if you are using Sun Solaris and Red Hat Linux operating systems. If this does not apply to you, please disregard.

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Dear Synopsys Customer:

The following is a reminder if you are using your Synopsys products on either Sun Microsystems Solaris or Red Hat Linux operating systems (OS). Please read this letter carefully, since a Sun Solaris and Red Hat Linux OS upgrade will be implemented with Synopsys release v2003.03.

**Synopsys v2002.12 support for Sun Solaris 7 and Red Hat 6.2 will expire on December 8, 2003.**

**You will have 12 months from the initial shipment of Synopsys release v2002.12 to upgrade your operating system.**

**Sun Solaris 8** will become the baseline Sun Solaris operating system for releases beginning with v2003.03. Solaris 9 will be supported as a binary compatible operating system.

**Red Hat 7.2 (2.4.7 kernel)** will become the baseline Linux 32-bit operating system for releases beginning with v2003.03. Our current plan of record is to support subsequent Red Hat 7.x releases as binary compatible operating systems.

We believe that the current versions of Solaris and Linux offer you better value and enable you to take advantage of OS and hardware technology advances.

To facilitate your transition to Sun Solaris 8 and Red Hat 7.2, Synopsys has consulted with Sun and Red Hat to ensure that you have everything you need to complete your upgrade.

Sun information is available at: [www.sun.com/service/support/](http://www.sun.com/service/support/)

Red Hat information is available at: [www.redhat.com/apps/support/](http://www.redhat.com/apps/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 sales representative.

The powerful combination of the latest Synopsys 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".

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