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Dear Synopsys Customer:

If you are using Synopsys' CATS product on the Alpha/VMS platform, please read this letter carefully, as Synopsys will be changing its support policy for this platform.

Synopsys CATS release v2004.03, scheduled for March 2004, will be the last release to support the Alpha/VMS platforms.

Synopsys CATS release v2004.09, scheduled for September 2004, will not support the Alpha/VMS platforms.

Synopsys support for all previous CATS releases running on Alpha/VMS workstations will expire on September 30, 2005.

Synopsys is committed to supporting common, advanced computing platforms throughout its range of products. As a result, new Synopsys CATS releases will continue to be available on Sun Solaris 5.6-5.8, Hewlett-Packard HP-UX 11, AIX 5.1.0 (64bit), Alpha/OSF1 V4-5 and Linux Red Hat 7.2 operating systems.

Product and supported operating systems information is available at:
http://www.synopsys.com/products/ntimrg/cats_supp_plat_ds.html

By providing you with advance notice, we hope to help minimize your inconvenience in implementing this change. If you are affected, by this change Synopsys is available to assist you in the migration of your Synopsys applications to another supported operating system. If you have any further questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact your local Synopsys support center or email cats@synopsys.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Brenner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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