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Forte's Cynthesizer SystemC Behavioral Synthesis selected for Fujitsu Microelectronics' ASIC Reference Flow

San Jose, Calif. — June 4, 2008 — Forte Design Systems has announced that its Cynthesizer behavioral synthesis product has been selected for use in Fujitsu Microelectronics Limited's ASIC reference flow. Cynthesizer was selected after extensive testing to ensure high quality of results.

Cynthesizer is currently being used by multiple design teams within Fujitsu Microelectronics around the world. In addition, Fujitsu Microelectronics' ASIC business has supported many leading edge Japanese systems vendors in their projects which have utilized Cynthesizer to produce IP.

"We have confirmed that the RTL code generated by Cynthesizer meets Fujitsu Microelectronics' stringent RTL sign off requirements," said Mr. Takashi Hasegawa, Director, ESL and Verification Department, SoC Design Engineering Division, Fujitsu Microelectronics Limited. "We evaluated a number of electronic system level (ESL) synthesis tools and selected Forte Cynthesizer to be a part of our design flow. Our customers, both internal and external to Fujitsu Microelectronics, now have a standard production ESL ASIC flow from SystemC."

"Fujitsu Microelectronics is continuing to take the lead in the ASIC market by strongly supporting their customers in their shift to high level design," said Sean Dart, president and CEO of Forte Design Systems. "Fujitsu Microelectronics' customers will be able to improve both their time to market and design quality by incorporating Cynthesizer and SystemC in their ASIC flows."

About Forte Cynthesizer

Forte's advanced SystemC synthesis technology delivers production quality RTL in one tenth the time and eliminates downstream timing closure problems. Cynthesizer uses a high-level SystemC description to give designers the ability to build designs with custom interfaces and challenging architectural requirements. Cynthesizer can automatically retarget designs to new speeds and process technologies without code changes and supports a level of reuse that is impossible at the RT level. Cynthesizer is the practical, silicon-proven high-level synthesis solution you have been waiting for.

About Forte Design Systems

Forte Design Systems is a leading provider of software products that enable design at a higher level of abstraction. Forte's innovative high-level synthesis technology allows design teams creating complex electronic systems from algorithmic designs using ASICs, FPGAs, and SoCs to significantly reduce their overall design and verification time. Forte is headquartered at 100 Century Center Court, San Jose, CA 95112. For more information, visit www.ForteDS.com.

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