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15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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16 SYNOPSISYS, INC.,
17 Plaintiff,
18 v.
19 ATOPTECH, INC.,
20 Defendants.

CV 13-02965
Case No. _____

**COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT, PATENT
INFRINGEMENT, TRADE SECRET
MISAPPROPRIATION, VIOLATION
OF THE COMPUTER FRAUD AND
ABUSE ACT, VIOLATION OF THE
CALIFORNIA COMPUTER DATA
ACCESS AND FRAUD ACT, UNFAIR
COMPETITION, COMMON LAW
MISAPPROPRIATION, BREACH OF
CONTRACT AND BREACH OF
IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD
FAITH AND FAIR DEALING**

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**DOCKET
ALARM**

6 2. Synopsys is a leader in the electronic design automation (“EDA”) and
7 semiconductor intellectual property industry. It develops, manufactures, sells and licenses
8 products and services that enable designers to create, model and verify complex integrated circuit
9 designs from concept to silicon. Since 1986, engineers around the world have used Synopsys
10 technology to design and create billions of integrated circuits and systems.

11 3. ATopTech describes itself as an EDA company that develops tools for the physical
12 design of integrated circuits at 65 nanometers and below including its Aprisa “place and route”
13 tool and Apogee “floor planning” tool. ATopTech claims to have offices in the United States,
14 India, Japan and Taiwan.

15 4. Synopsys and a company Synopsys acquired—Extreme DA Corporation
16 (“Extreme DA”)—licensed certain technology to ATopTech under two royalty-free license
17 agreements: (i) a Connections Program License Agreement (“CPLA”) and (ii) a license
18 agreement relating to a method for parametric on chip variation (“POCV License”). ATopTech
19 agreed to maintain the confidentiality of Synopsys’ and Extreme DA’s proprietary information
20 and also agreed, among other things, not to reverse engineer or copy any software or other
21 materials provided under the license agreements. Under the POCV License, ATopTech further
22 agreed to certain communications and marketing obligations, and agreed to keep records of a list of
23 its customers that receive ATopTech’s products in which the licensed POCV method is available
24 and to provide Synopsys and Extreme DA with the names of such customers.

25 5. In November 2012, based on concerns that ATopTech was not in compliance with
26 these license agreements and had improperly copied Synopsys proprietary information, Synopsys
27 exercised its right to verify ATopTech’s compliance with the license agreements.

28 6. Synopsys spent several months attempting to work with ATopTech on a voluntary

6 systematic effort to frustrate and obstruct Synopsys' attempt to verify ATopTech's contractual
7 compliance and ensure that Synopsys' intellectual property rights were not being infringed.
8 Synopsys has also discovered that ATopTech improperly accessed and downloaded certain
9 proprietary materials from Synopsys' secure customer support website, SolvNet.

10 8. As a result, Synopsys has no alternative but to seek judicial relief. ATopTech
11 EDA products Aprisa and Apogee infringe Synopsys' patents and copyrights, misappropriate
12 Synopsys' trade secrets and unfairly compete with and trade on Synopsys' industry leading E
13 tools. Moreover, ATopTech improperly accessed, downloaded and used proprietary material
14 from Synopsys' secure customer support website to unfairly compete with Synopsys.
15 Accordingly, Synopsys brings this suit for federal copyright infringement, federal patent
16 infringement, trade secret misappropriation, violations of the federal Computer Fraud and Ab
17 Act ("CFAA") and California Computer Data Access and Fraud Act ("CDAFA"), unfair
18 competition, misappropriation, breach of contract and breach of the implied covenant of good
19 faith and fair dealing.

20 THE PARTIES

21 9. Synopsys is a corporation organized under Delaware law with its principal place
22 business in Santa Clara County at 700 East Middlefield Road, Mountain View, California 94

23 10. On information and belief, ATopTech is a corporation organized under Delaw
24 law with its principal place of business in Santa Clara County at 2111 Tasman Drive, Santa C
25 California 95054. ATopTech also claims to have offices in India, Japan and Taiwan.

26 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

27 11. This action arises in part under the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 1
28 *et seq.*, the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 100, *et seq.* and the Computer Fraud

6 common nucleus of operative fact.

7 13. This Court has personal jurisdiction over ATopTech because its principle place
8 business is within the State of California and this judicial district, and because it has conducted
9 and does conduct business within the State of California and this judicial district.

10 14. Venue in this district is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400 because
11 events giving rise to the dispute occurred in this district.

12 **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

13 15. This is an intellectual property action and is assigned on a district-wide basis under
14 Civil L.R. 3-2(c) and General Order No. 44.

15 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

16 **Synopsys' PrimeTime and GoldTime Products and Associated Intellectual Property**

17 16. As a world leader in EDA, Synopsys is helping the electronics market accelerate
18 innovation in all aspects of semiconductor design. Synopsys provides a complete front-to-back
19 design and test environment, software-level to silicon-level verification, design reuse technology,
20 field-programmable gate array solutions and professional services to help its customers get their
21 silicon working quickly and accurately. These technology-leading solutions help give Synopsys
22 customers a competitive edge in quickly bringing the best products to market while reducing
23 costs and schedule risk. Since 1986, engineers around the world have used Synopsys technology
24 to design and create billions of integrated circuits and systems.

25 17. To address the important issue of timing in integrated circuit design, Synopsys
26 spent years investing in and developing PrimeTime, its proprietary static timing analysis tool
27 computes the expected timing of a digital circuit without requiring simulation. PrimeTime is
28 successful product and is widely used in industry for gate-level static timing analysis.

6 software developers expended significant creativity, time and effort in developing the individ
7 input formats and output formats, as well as the compilation of input formats and output form

8 19. PrimeTime also supports a set of open source commands (referred to as “Sync
9 Design Constraints” or “SDC”) that is distinct from the compilation of Synopsys-proprietary
10 input formats. These open source commands provide a standard interface and can be used by
11 developers to create products that interoperate with PrimeTime or other SDC-compliant EDA
12 tools. Synopsys makes SDC available under a free, open source license.

13 20. In addition to developing PrimeTime, Synopsys also invested substantial time
14 effort and money to protect its intellectual property and add technology and engineering taler
15 advance Synopsys’ timing analysis solutions. In June of 2011, Synopsys filed suit in the Dis
16 of Delaware against Extreme DA for improperly copying portions of the PrimeTime software
17 Extreme DA’s static timing analysis tool, GoldTime. In October 2011, Synopsys acquired
18 Extreme DA, including GoldTime, and confirmed that a significant portion of the PrimeTime
19 software had been copied into GoldTime.

20 21. Synopsys’ proprietary information, including its trade secrets at issue in this c
21 which has been copied and misappropriated by ATopTech, relates to Synopsys’ PrimeTime,
22 GoldTime and IC Compiler products. Such information includes Synopsys’ proprietary inpu
23 output formats, scripts and technical product documentation, which generally are not publicl
24 known, and derive value from being secret. Synopsys takes substantial steps to protect and
25 maintain the confidentiality of its proprietary and confidential information, and such informa
26 is only disclosed to Synopsys customers, business partners or others pursuant to strict
27 confidentiality obligations. For example, user manuals and other documentation contain
28 proprietary rights notices, *e.g.* stating that the provided software and documentation contain

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