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Register Transfer Level Designs with Source-Level Debugging

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**PETITION FOR *INTER PARTES* REVIEW OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,240,376  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 311-319 AND 37 C.F.R. § 42.100 ET SEQ.**

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**EXHIBIT LIST**

1001. U.S. Patent No. 6,240,376 to Raynaud, et al.
1002. Prosecution history of application Serial No. 09/127,584, which matured into the '376 patent.
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1010. U.S. Patent No. 5,960,191 to Sample, et al.

Petitioner Synopsys, Inc. (“Synopsys” or “Petitioner”) respectfully requests *inter partes* review for claims 1-15 and 20-33 of U.S. Patent No. 6,240,376 (the “376 patent,” attached as Ex. 1) in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 311-319 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.100 et seq.

## **I. MANDATORY NOTICES**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a)(1), Synopsys provides the following mandatory disclosures.

### **A. Real Party-In-Interest**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(1), Petitioner certifies that Synopsys, Inc. is the real party-in-interest.

### **B. Related Matters**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(2), Petitioner is unaware of any judicial or administrative matters that would affect, or be affected by, a decision in this proceeding. The ‘376 patent was involved in litigation styled as Mentor Graphics Corp. v. EVE-USA, Inc. and Emulation and Verification Engineering, SA, 6:06-CV-341-AA, which was dismissed with prejudice on November 30, 2006.

### **C. Lead And Back-Up Counsel**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3), Petitioner provides the following designation of counsel:

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