

SYNOPSYS INC  
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**Synopsys, Inc.**

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*SYNOPSYS, INC.*

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**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

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**Annual Meeting of Stockholders To Be Held  
on 02/27/09**

**Proxy Materials Available**

Notice and Proxy Statement

Annual Report on Form 10-K For Fiscal 2008

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***Meeting Information***

Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 02/27/09  
Meeting Time: 8:00 A.M., PST  
For holders as of: 12/31/08

***Meeting Location:***

700 East Middlefield Road  
Building C  
Mountain View, CA 94043

***Meeting Directions:***

For meeting directions, please call:  
1-800-541-7737 or 650-584-5000

***How To Vote***

***Vote In Person***

If you are a stockholder of record you may vote in person at the meeting by requesting a ballot at the meeting.

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**Voting items**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS**

**A VOTE *FOR* ALL NOMINEES.**

1. To elect nine directors nominated by our Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected.

**Nominees:**

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 01) Aart J. de Geus       | 06) John Schwarz     |
| 02) Alfred Castino        | 07) Sasson Somekh    |
| 03) Chi-Foon Chan         | 08) Roy Vallee       |
| 04) Bruce R. Chizen       | 09) Steven C. Walske |
| 05) Deborah A.<br>Coleman |                      |

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE *FOR* PROPOSALS 2 AND 3.**

2. To approve an amendment to our 2006 Employee Equity Incentive Plan to, among other items, increase the number of shares of common stock reserved thereunder by 4,000,000 shares.
3. To ratify the appointment by our Audit Committee of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2009.
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.
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