BP MICROSYSTEMS AND CYPRESS PARTNER TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING SUPPORT FOR THE ULTRA37000™ CPLD FAMILY

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 26, 1999 -- BP Microsystems Inc. and Cypress Semiconductor have partnered to provide early support for the entire Ultra37000™ CPLD family from Cypress. BP is the first third-party device programmer manufacturer to support all Ultra37000 devices.

The Cypress Ultra37000 CPLD family consists of devices with sizes ranging from 32 to 512 macrocells in various speed/package combinations. It offers a simple, fixed timing model that guarantees pin-to-pin propagation delays as fast as 5 ns for the 32-macrocell device, and 7.5 ns for the 256-macrocell device. Available in both 3.3-V and 5-V versions (the 3.3-V devices are 5-V tolerant), the family also offers Cypress's In-System Reprogrammability (ISR™), which assures that logic changes don't affect critical timing or pinouts.

"Our customers have come to rely on BP and Cypress for the latest devices and early programming support for them," said BP Microsystems Executive VP, David Loeschner. "And our partnership with Cypress means that the full range of Ultra37000 devices are supported on all our universal programmers."

"Programming support is a critical element to the success of any CPLD offering," said Christopher Norris, Vice President of Cypress's Programmable Logic Division. "Our Partnership with BP ensures our customers of world-class support from a market leader."

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As product life cycles shorten and time to market demands increase, CPLDs are being used in more high volume applications. As a result, access to high volume programming technology is a must for customers. Cypress's partnership with BP Microsystems enables customers to use a wide range of BP programmers, including high volume handlers to program Cypress CPLDs.

BP device support is released simultaneously for both engineering and production programmers to make the transition from design to manufacturing as easy as possible. BP releases new software, free, every six weeks via their website (www.bpmicro.com).

Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, headquartered in San Jose, provides a broad range of integrated circuits for leading computer, networking, and telecommunications companies worldwide. Cypress's products include static RAM and specialty memories, programmable logic devices (PLDs), data communications products, timing devices, and USB microcontrollers. Its shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CY, and its web site is http://www.cypress.com.

Established in 1985, BP Microsystems, Inc. is a global supplier of engineering and production device programmers and the leading supplier of automated programming systems. Setting the standard in device support, performance, ease of use, and cost of ownership, BP Microsystems provides total device programming solutions. The company offers a wide variety of device programmers including Universal programmers, Concurrent Programming Systems®, Fine Pitch Automated Programming Systems and In-Line Programming Systems. BP Microsystems is located at 1000 North Post Oak Road, Suite 225, Houston, Texas 77055-7237. Telephone: (800) 225-2102 or (713) 688-2620 Internet: www.bpmicro.com

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