CYPRESS DONATES A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PRODUCTS TO UNIVERSITIES

Engineering Programs Get Programmable Logic Devices and Lab Equipment

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 15, 1999 -- Cypress Semiconductor Corporation (NYSE:CY) announced today that it has recently donated over $1.1 million worth of products to university electrical and computer engineering programs. Cypress donated over 150,000 Ultra37000™ and FLASH370™ Complex Programmable Logic Devices (CPLDs) along with *Warp*™ design tools, programmers, and adapters. Schools that received the products include Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Northeastern University, the University of Toronto, the University of Vermont, the University of Nevada at Reno, and the University of West Florida.

Through its University Program, Cypress donates a broad selection of high-performance silicon, software, and development tools to engineering professors and students. Cypress augments these resources with classes, demos, seminars, and training workshops run by applications engineers. The program exposes engineering students to design-intensive products and tools so they can make an immediate impact in the workplace after graduation.

Cypress has taken an especially active role in promoting programmable logic at the university level. *VHDL for Programmable Logic*, a textbook written by Cypress applications engineer Kevin Skahill and published by Addison-Wesley, is used to teach students in over 50 universities and is included with the purchase of Cypress's $99 *Warp2*® design tools.

"We are pleased to be able to make these donations," said Christopher Norris, vice president of Cypress's Programmable Logic Division. "Students are well-served to learn about programmable logic, as it is a valuable component in the toolbox of today's engineer."

"We are very grateful for this donation," said Dr. Allen Soyster, Dean of Engineering at Northeastern University. "The Cypress products will be used to promote teaching and research in digital systems engineering at both the undergraduate and graduate levels."

Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, headquartered in San Jose, California, 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.

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