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## **NEW SCALABLE OrCAD TECHNOLOGY FROM CADENCE FURTHER TIGHTENS PCB DESIGN PROCESS**

Enhanced Layout Capabilities Expand Product Line to Offer Additional High-Performance, Affordable Tools

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Oct. 4, 2004 – Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (NYSE: CDN) (Nasdaq: CDN) today announced availability of two new product suites, OrCAD® PCB Designer and OrCAD PCB Designer with PSpice®. These are included in the new OrCAD 10.3 release, which features additional enhancements to the entire OrCAD product line. Offering PCB designers high-performance tools at affordable prices, this latest release to the OrCAD product line continues to deliver enhanced productivity and provide easy scalability to the full range of Cadence® Allegro® PCB offerings.

"We are pleased to see Cadence leverage existing Allegro PCB technology that we have used for the past five years to enhance its OrCAD product line," said Joe Merola, Trueposition, Inc. "Cadence PCB technology helps us address our toughest wireless location design, testability and manufacturability challenges."

OrCAD PCB Designer and OrCAD PCB Designer with Pspice are full-featured suites with time-proven and new OrCAD technology. Both feature the new OrCAD PCB Editor, a constraint-driven PCB layout editing tool derived from the Cadence Allegro PCB editor.

OrCAD PCB Designer also includes SPECCTRA®, the industry-leading autorouter and OrCAD Capture® for design entry. Capture provides an interactive environment in which to create and edit complex, multi-layer PCBs. PCB Designer with PSpice incorporates PSpice A/D for analog/mixed-signal simulation. Both product suites help small project teams improve productivity and easily expand to the next level of technology to keep pace with their design capability growth. In addition, OrCAD 10.3 introduces new features and technologies for OrCAD Capture, OrCAD Layout®, and PSpice.

"OrCAD PCB Designer strengthens the OrCAD product line by offering a scaleable, cost-effective solution for our customers," said Steve Kamin, director of the OrCAD product line at Cadence. "Along with the improvements we've made to OrCAD Capture, OrCAD Capture CIS, OrCAD Layout, and PSpice, Cadence continues to provide our customers with the tools they need to meet their design challenges and bring their products to market."

The OrCAD 10.3 release with OrCAD PCB Designer will be available in November. It paves the way for easy upgrade from the OrCAD product line to the Cadence Allegro® 200 Series, and on to the Allegro 600 Series, without the need to translate design databases or change use models. OrCAD products are distributed by a worldwide network of solution providers. For more information on OrCAD, please visit [www.orcad.com](http://www.orcad.com).

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