



**Notice: Solaris 8 and Solaris 9 on SPARC  
EOL Customer Communication – July 10, 2006**

Dear Cadence Customer:

Each computer hardware manufacturer offers multiple hardware architectures and various levels of operating systems. New versions of the operating systems are released periodically and Cadence must adjust its support policies to keep up with this natural progression in order to be synchronized with the workstations and servers our customers are using.

To that end, Cadence will end support for the Solaris 8 and Solaris 9 OS's on the SPARC platform and Solaris 10 will become the baseline OS on the SPARC platform for new Cadence releases beginning January 1, 2008.

Existing Solaris 8 and Solaris 9 releases and new releases up to Dec 31, 2007 will not be affected by this change for the lifecycle of the releases. We will continue to provide you with all scheduled update releases and the same level of software maintenance you have today. However, no new product enhancements (beyond bug fixes) will be released on Solaris 8 and Solaris 9 on SPARC after January 1, 2008.

Cadence is committed to continuously enhancing our product quality and customer support and to working with our computing platform partners to ensure that our products run on a variety of UNIX-, Linux-, and Windows-based systems. This change to our Solaris support will allow us to take advantage of significant advances in SUN's technology.

We strongly encourage you to move to Solaris 10 OS on SPARC as soon as possible. For more information about Cadence products on the Solaris/SPARC platform, please visit our support website at [www.cadence.com/support](http://www.cadence.com/support).

If you have any questions or wish to discuss an appropriate transition plan, please contact your Cadence account manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Stear".

Robert J. Stear  
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