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Hitachi Information & Communication Engineering Selects Forte's High-Level Synthesis Software

*Will Deploy Forte's Cynthesizer within LSI Design Services Group to Provide Better
QoR, Time-to-Market Delivery*

SAN JOSE, CALIF. — February 7, 2013 — [Forte Design Systems](http://www.ForteDS.com)TM

www.ForteDS.com) today announced Hitachi Information & Communication Engineering, Ltd., of Yokohama, Japan, has selected its CynthesizerTM SystemC high-level synthesis (HLS) to deploy within its LSI Logic Design Services business.

In making the selection, Hitachi Information & Communication Engineering noted its design team put Cynthesizer through a rigorous evaluation and concluded the tool enables design at a higher level of abstraction and helps improve over design results. Hitachi Information & Communication Engineering will use Cynthesizer to help its customers achieve better quality of results (QoR) and improve the time-to-market delivery of their products.

Cynthesizer is the first high-level design solution that closes the gap between electronic system level (ESL) design and register transfer level (RTL)-to-GDSII flows. It provides a complete design environment that includes behavioral synthesis and verification as well as FPGA prototyping and design management. It generates production-quality RTL code using a high-level SystemC-transaction level modeling (TLM) design description as input. Cynthesizer provides an open and customizable environment based on standard languages and application programming interfaces (APIs).

About Forte Design Systems

[Forte Design Systems](#) is a leading provider of software products that enable design at a higher level of abstraction and improve design results. Its innovative synthesis technologies and intellectual property offerings allow design teams creating complex electronic chips and systems to reduce their overall design and verification time. More than half of the top 20 worldwide semiconductor companies use Forte's products in production today for ASIC, SoC and FPGA design. Forte is headquartered in San Jose, Calif., with additional offices in England, Japan, Korea and the United States. For more information, visit www.ForteDS.com.

About Hitachi Information & Communication Engineering

Since its establishment of the company in October 2006, Hitachi Information & Communication Engineering has been carrying a message of "ICT@ET Monozukuri," which aims to respond to customer needs for 'MONOZUKURI' — creative design and manufacturing. By combining ICT (Information and Communication Technology) with ET (Embedded Technology), Hitachi Information & Communication Engineering

deploys engineering business to cover the information and communication field and the social innovation field, and solution business prepared for cloud services.

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