

Certess' Functional Qualification Solution Certitude, Named a Finalist In EDN'S 18TH Annual Innovation Awards Competition

Campbell, Calif. – February 5, 2008 – Certess, Inc. the provider of functional qualification for systems on a chip (SoCs) and intellectual property (IP) blocks, today announced Certitude, the functional qualification solution has been selected from hundreds of nominations to be a finalist for this year's EDN Innovation Awards. Instituted in 1990, the Innovation Awards honor the people, products, and technologies that have shaped the semiconductor industry over the past year. Certess' Certitude solution, launched in 2007, has been selected in the EDA -- digital IC design tools category. Certitude is the industry's first functional qualification solution. Certitude answers the question: if there was a bug in your design, could your verification environment find it?

“We are extremely pleased to be nominated as a finalist in EDN's Innovation competition,” said Michel Courtoy, CEO of Certess. “Our nomination for Certitude validates Certess' technology leadership in answering the market's need for a solution that objectively measures the quality of a verification environment.”

Functional qualification tackles the most formidable problem in functional verification today: the absence of objective quality assurance in SoCs and IP blocks. Certitude provides a direct measure of the quality of the verification environment to find functional errors, by identifying missing tests or checkers based on whether injected errors are activated, propagated and detected.

During the month of February, EDN's worldwide audience of electronics engineers and engineering managers will use an online ballot to select the ultimate winners from among the finalists. EDN's editorial staff and Editorial Advisory Board also take part in determining the final winners. We encourage you to visit www.EDN.com/innovation18 to vote. Winners will be announced at a dinner and awards ceremony on April 14, 2008 in San Jose, CA.

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About Certess

Certess, Inc. is the only electronic design automation company providing functional qualification products for companies that create and integrate complex design blocks or intellectual property (IP). The company's technology provides design and verification engineers with an objective way to evaluate and improve the completeness of the verification environment, resulting in a shorter and more predictable process to integrate SoC designs and ensure high quality designs. The company is headquartered in Campbell, CA. For additional information, see www.certess.com.

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